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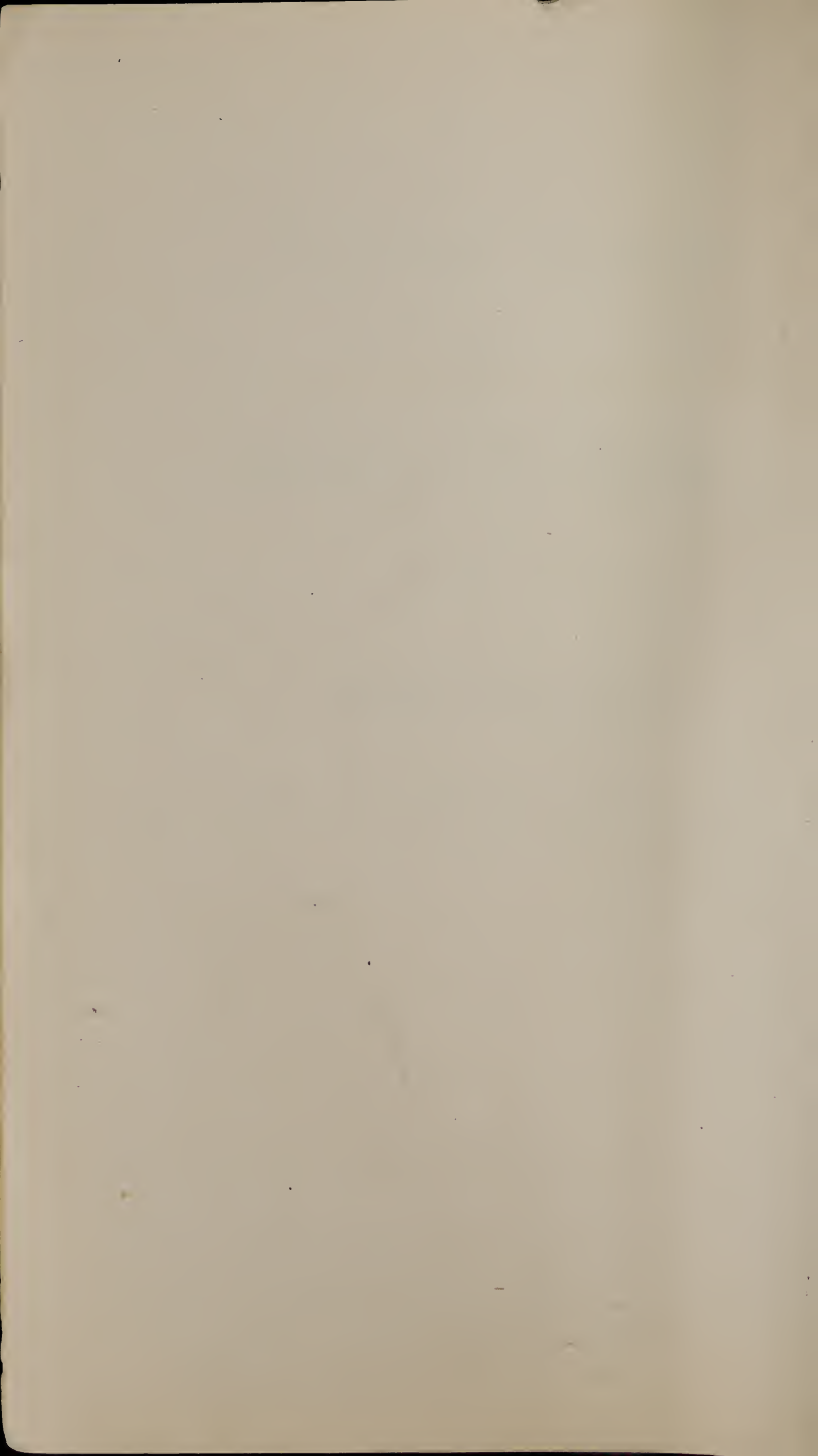
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# Selectmen's Report.

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*To the inhabitants of Dighton :—*

The organization of the Board of Selectmen, Overseers of Poor and Health was affected by the choice of Charles S. Chace as Chairman and Secretary.

By vote of the town at its last annual meeting a committee from various sections of the town was appointed to ascertain how much money was needed to be raised by taxation for the support of the different departments required by law to be properly maintained.

The following gentlemen were appointed :

William H. Walker,	George M. Chase,
Herbert A. Briggs,	James N. Paul,
Josiah S. Place,	Edmund Hathaway,
Joseph K. Milliken.	

After a lengthy deliberation the committee unanimously reported to raise by taxation as follows : \$3,000 for teachers' salary : \$850 for janitors and fuel : \$400 school incidentals : \$400 for books and supplies : \$1,400 for High School tuition : \$500 for music and drawing : \$600 for transportation of High School pupils : \$50 for medical inspection : \$250 for school supervision. Total \$7,450 for schools. Last year \$6,100, an increase of \$1,350 for schools. Highways \$2,500, 1906, \$1,100, an increase of \$1,400. Town debt \$1,500, 1906 \$900, an increase of \$600. Poor \$1,000, 1906 \$1,300, the only

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decrease, \$300. Incidentals \$400, 1906 \$400, no change. Interest \$600, 1906 nothing. Library \$100, 1906 same. Berkley and Dighton Bridge \$200, 1906 same. Memorial Day \$40, 1906 same. Memorial Stone at Provincetown \$40, 1906 nothing. Police \$500, 1906 nothing. Platting town \$600, 1906 nothing. Firemen's Relief \$100, 1906 nothing.

The increase in appropriations for 1907 over 1906 were as follows :

Firemen's Relief,	\$ 100
Platting the town,	600
Police,	500
Memorial Stone,	40
Interest,	600
Town Debt,	400
Highways,	1,400
Schools,	1,350
Painting School house,	200
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	\$5,190
Less the Poor decrease,	\$300
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Net increase,	\$4,890

This report was favorably received by the town and the various items reported were unanimously adopted.

This action caused the increase of the tax rates from \$12.20 on \$1,000 in 1906 to \$15.80 in 1907, the same as the rate was in 1899. The rate in 1900 was \$16.30 on \$1,000. The increase in the valuation of the town for the year was \$102,875.

The street railway tax is \$819.47, increase of \$219.47 over last year. Excise tax \$1,284.19, an increase of \$88.19.

The corporation tax is \$169.92. Bank tax, \$636.54. We paid the County a tax of \$1,405.07, decrease of \$108.65. The State \$1,160, an increase of \$110. Repairs on State

Road, \$25.74. Fish privileges sold for \$30. Paid Middleboro for watching herrings \$20.

The High School law at our request was amended at the last session of the Legislature so that it is optional with the town to establish and maintain a high school or send the scholars to adjoining or nearby cities by paying tuition and reasonable transportation by cars.

The Legislature gave the Taunton Gas Co. the right to introduce gas into the town when the consent of the Selectmen was obtained. A portion of the north part of the town has already been supplied.

#### CITY WATER.

A water bill was passed by the Legislature of 1907 permitting the City of Taunton to introduce water into the town.

The bill was carefully drawn and the town and tax payers in all sections amply protected. We have petitioned the City of Taunton, agreeable to the provisions of the bill, to introduce water into the town.

This business proposition has been approved by the Legislature after very careful consideration: a favorable report has been made by the City Council, and the City Solicitor has pronounced the legal part of the enterprise correct, but the Water Commissioners report "inexpedient." The interests of both municipalities are somewhat identical and mutual: they need us and we need them. We can benefit each other. We do our banking and trading with them and the more prosperous we are, the greater will be our business relations.

Some of the leading citizens of Taunton suggest as a remedy the annexation of the North Village so that section would be on an equal footing with the rest of that part of

the city. We do not believe the town would favorably entertain the scheme or that the North Village would approve. The tax rate would be increased in the part that went to Taunton and probably in the remaining part of the town. It is true the village would get fire protection. However, that is not very encouraging if the protection is such as displayed when the Furnace burned on the Taunton side. Then it would cost the city just as large an outlay as under the proposed scheme, and the city would get no interest on the money invested. There are some advantages to the city in getting the dead ends of their water pipes at the Dighton line and at Westville connected.

It looks like a good proposition if we pay six per cent on the cost to build in Dighton and the city collect the water rates.

We have been informed that business men interested in new and old industries are looking for business locations. We trust our citizens will give them encouragement and make efforts to advertise our good rail and water accommodation and many natural facilities for business.

The decennial census of 1905 made our population 2070, an increase of 273 in ten years. Should business improve and a liberal policy be adopted, we see no reason why a still greater increase should not appear at the next numeration. We think that a reduction in the tax rate can be made and probably a return to its former low rate.

#### MUDDY COVE STREET.

We wish to call the attention of the town again to the dangerous condition of the street leading from Pleasant street to the railroad. Last year Mr. Daniel D. Andrews' grocery team went over the unprotected north embankment of the street into muddy cove. Fortunately the damages were



only \$20.48 and Mr. Andrews asked only for actual damages. With other parties to deal with we might have had to pay more: and then there is great danger of some one receiving injuries and recovering the full extent of the law. Suitable protection by a fence at a small cost will remedy this difficulty and may save the vexation and delay of a law suit and the attendant expenses.

#### STATE AID.

The payments for State Aid is as follows: Dec. 1906, \$71; Jan. 1907, \$79; Feb. \$83; March, April, May, June, July, August and Sept. each \$87; Oct. and Nov. each \$91. Total, \$1,024 for the year. Beneficiaries for Dec. were 20; for Jan. 1907, 17. Highest individual payment six dollars per month, lowest four dollars.

#### MACADAM ROADS.

In another part of the report will be found a full report of the doings of the committee on macadam roads.

Our experience and observation and what we have learned from retired and active road and bridge builders leads us to the conclusion that it is unwise for us to own and run a stone crushing plant, and if we need crushed stone, hire them crushed by the ton. The law allows the Massachusetts Highway Commission to aid towns with a valuation of more than one million dollars in building macadam roads.

If we should deem it advisable to build more macadam roads, they would probably aid in the enterprise by granting a liberal allowance.

We believe that a part of our usual expenditure of \$3,000 for roads should be used in the construction of macadam roads.

## JURY LAWS.

The Legislature has materially changed our Jury Laws. It is now in the hands of Registrars of Voters, Election Commissioners and Selectmen. Lists have to be prepared on or before the first day of July in each year of such voters of the city or town possessing good moral character, sound judgment and free from legal exceptions.

Before the first day of August of each year the Jury list with the address and occupation must be prepared, a copy delivered to the Mayor, to the Clerk of the City or Town, to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

If the Justice holding court finds a juror has been convicted of a scandalous crime or guilty of gross immorality or found unqualified or unfit to serve as a juror, the Justice may discharge him and order his name removed from the jury box.

## THE SEWERAGE PROBLEM.

In 1895 the Legislature enacted a bill for a sewerage system for the City of Taunton providing that its disposal should be agreeable to the orders of the State Board of Health, and later perfected the bill providing for a pumping station and a filter bed in the town of Berkley.

At that time the towns on Taunton River and citizens of the city vigorously protested against the further pollution of Taunton River by emptying therein the city's sewerage. A number of hearings were held before the State Board of Health with the result that the Board gave the city a number of years to perform the work at the end of which time the city asked for a further extension which was granted under various pretexts. Thirteen years have passed. Larger quantities of sewerage are flowing direct into the river and it

is naturally becoming more polluted, and in dry seasons and at low tides in warm weather, the sickening stench arising therefrom is offensive and a breeding place for disease. The vessels formerly used to take the water for culinary purposes from the river and it was clear and crystal water and was resorted to for bathing.

In former years our herring privileges sold for \$250 each year: now we get \$30. Oyster privileges sold for \$600: now we get \$150. And if there is no improvement when the present lease expires, they will be worthless.

Mr. Green, who has leased the privilege for ten years has dredged the river on the oyster beds, taking up the shells exposing them to the air, removing the slime from the shell and re-planting them, hoping to get a set. The town's financial loss is \$670 per year. We are told that the loss in Berkley on account of the oyster privilege is about \$1,300 a year.

The extension of the time to complete work granted by the State Board of Health expires July 1 1910, and work should be completed by that time, and all sewage removed from the river.

We do not wish to be the cause of any hardship, but when the happiness and health of a large and growing community is jeopardized by such unsanitary conditions, we feel that vigorous effort should be adopted to prevent any further unnecessary delay. If the question was only a financial one we would not be so persistent.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. CHACE,	} Selectmen of Dighton.
GEORGE M. CHASE,	
WILLARD J. READ,	

Dighton, Dec. 31, 1907.



## Report of Overseers of Poor.

*To the Inhabitants of Dighton :*

### APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM, DECEMBER 31, 1907.

House, barn and outbuildings, and 75 acres of land,	\$1,800 00
Wood 45.00, express wagon 55.00, horse sled 12.00, farm wagon 50.00	162 00
Ploughs, cultivators and harrows,	20.00
Grain 10.00, horse 115.00, cow 40.00,	165 00
English hay 80.00, swale 5.00, harnesses 20.00,	105 00
Curry comb, rakes, brushes, potato diggers, wheel jack, knife, boxes, chests, baskets, drawing knife, wrench and forks,	10 00
Cattle ties, hay forks, shaving brake, iron bar, grindstone, wheelbarrow, syringe, oil can, wringer and washing machine,	21 00
Rubber gloves, coal hod, stove in tramp house,	10 00
210 fowls,	178 50
Whiffletree, chains, pick and ladders,	3 00
Cranberry rake, cook stove, and shovels,	2 75
Corn 65.00, potatoes 18.00, vinegar 18.00,	101 00
Hams, shoulders and weeder,	14 00
Household furniture,	200 00
Pork 15.00, provisions 20.00, oil heater 4.00,	39 00



Ashes 2.00, hen dressing 15.00, saws, axes, scythes and snaths,	20 00
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	\$2,851 25

SUPT. OF THE TOWN FARM IN ACCOUNT  
THE TOWN OF DIGHTON.

	DR.	
Jan.	Cash on hand,	\$49 23
	128 4-12 doz. eggs,	45 50
Feb.	151 11-12 doz. eggs,	50 17
	Poultry,	4 83
Mar.	Poultry,	17 50
	205 3-4 doz. eggs,	57 92
Apr.	Vinegar,	35
	202 9-12 doz. eggs,	36 13
May	188 doz. eggs,	38 99
	Cow and calf,	55 80
June	141 doz. eggs,	32 74
July	99 doz. eggs,	24 90
	Poultry,	20 25
	Difference on cow trade,	7 50
	Vinegar,	15
Aug.	46 11-12 doz. eggs,	13 26
	Chickens,	3 28
Sept.	46 10-12 doz. eggs,	16 15
	Chickens,	15 30
Oct.	17 11-12 doz. eggs,	6 99
	Corn fodder,	4 50
	Pasture,	21 00
	Calf,	5 50
	Vinegar	15
Nov.	10 doz. eggs,	4 62
	Pasturing,	7 50
	Vinegar,	35
	Poultry,	38 90

Dec.	27 9-12 doz. eggs,	13 42
	Cow and calf,	60 00
	30 bushels potatoes,	30 00
	Pasture,	7 90
	Pork,	22 50
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		\$713 23

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Jan.	Oysters and crackers .50, grinding corn 1.20, fish .30, butter 1.20, squash .10, scraps 4.20, pullets 9.75, sawing lumber 2.04, groceries 10.57, bread and yeast cake .22, drawing wood 1.35,	\$31 43
Feb.	Groceries 9.70, shoeing horse 1.00 grinding corn .60, hardware .98, milk .24, difference in cow trade 8.00, oysters and crackers .40,	20 92
Mar.	Groceries 10.93, labor 2.50, grinding corn .90, scraps 4.20, clipping horse 1.50, difference on cow trade, 10.00, shoeing horse .75, sawing wood 5.00,	35 78
Apr.	Groceries 9.00, grinding corn 1.20, scraps 4.20, repairing harness 2.00, telephoning .20, bread .25, 2 pigs 7.00, ax handle, .23	24.08
May	Grinding corn, 1.05, labor 3.00, bread .35, fish .25, cedar rails 2.00, shoeing horse 1.00, ax handles .37, plowing 5.50, hardware .98, papering and painting 2.50, scraps 2.10, fertilizer 16.00, nails .98, groceries 10.18,	46 26
June	Groceries 11.35, labor 19.50, butter 1.30 rubber goods .90, bread .75, clothing for John W. Paul 4.64, tin ware .55,	

rubber goods for John Wheeler .70,  
grinding corn, .60, oil stove 1.00, bed  
pan 2.50, bug death 4.00, hoe .40, stone  
.10, repairing harness .35,

48 64

July Groceries 13.19, labor 2.00, shoeing horse  
1.00, Miss Angenette King nurse for  
John Wheeler 31.25, shoes for John  
W. Paul 1.68, gauze for John Wheeler  
.10, bread .47, tea kettle 1.35, butter  
3.90, suspenders for John Wheeler .50,  
bug death 2.00, fly killer .20, acid .25,  
disinfectant .90, paper .10, grinding  
corn .62,

59 76

Aug. Groceries 10.78, bread and crackers 1.00,  
butter 2.90, hardware .87, repairing  
harness .35, blacksmithing 2.50, labor  
2.50, grinding corn .60, scraps 4.20,  
tomatoes .50,

26 20

Sept. Groceries 21.45, shoeing horse 1.00,  
grinding corn .80, bread .25, clothes  
wringer 2.75, pork .35, scraps 2.10,

28 70

Oct. Groceries 2.31, grinding corn .43, yeast  
cake .02, bread .25, scraps 2.10, labor  
4.00, towelling 1.15, clipping horse  
1.50, washing machine 7.50, pans and  
basket .90, blankets 1.38,

21 54

Nov. Fumigator .90, groceries 28.79, 2 mos.  
paid Goff & Haynes bill, groceries  
for 1905, 14.14, an assignment in  
bankruptcy, shoeing horse 1.00, oil  
heater 4.95, nails 3.79, glass .72, cement  
.35, clothing for John W. Paul 7.52,  
bread .50, line and chalk .18, making



cider .98, balm and pills 1.50, turnips 1.00, labor 3.00,		69 32
Dec. Scraps 2.10, butchering 2.00, meat bill P. W. Horton's 61.92, crackers .35, groceries 11.76, flour 1.00, filing saw .15, shoeing horse 1.00, lumber 7.90 shingles, 5,000 at 3.25, 16.25,		104 43
Supplies bought by Supt.		<u>516 96</u>
Receipts town farm,	713 23	
expenditures,	<u>516 96</u>	
Excess above expenditures		<u>196 27</u>
		713 23
Paid town by Supt.	150 00	
Balance held by Supt.	<u>46 27</u>	
		196 27

### OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Aid to Mabel Snow, rendered by Amanda Perry, Dec. 1, 1906, to Dec. 1, 1907,		\$54 00
Aid to John Wheeler, rendered by George M. Chace, Nov. 1, 1906, to Dec. 1, 1907,		44 00
Aid to Elizabeth Thornly and family, Dec. 1, 1906, to Dec. 1, 1907,		92 75
Aid to Mrs. John Ryan and family, Jan. 23, to Nov. 23, 1907,		
by Antone Silva, Taunton,	55 00	
by Staples Coal Co. coal,	12 75	
by Hanson & Co., medicine,	1 25	
by E. Almy, groceries, Feb. 26, to June 12,	12 00	
by City of Taunton, to May 7,	<u>3 25</u>	
		84 25



Aid to James Sharlock, by Willard J. Reed,	18 09	
by F. N. Reed, groceries,	12 92	
by W. T. Place, meat, Feb. 3, to Apr. 1,	7 37	
by C. A. Reed, wood,	1 62	
by A. J. Barker, medicine,	2 40	
by Staples Coal Co., coal,	4 50	
by E. Milbank, burial of James Sharlock, a state settlement,	15 00	
	<hr/>	61 90
Aid to Mrs. James Sharlock, by W. T. Place, meat, Apr. 2, to June 19,	8 94	
by F. N. Reed, groceries, Apr. 8, to June 18,	8 54	
by L. Hadroe, milk to June 1,	4 02	
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J. D. Fahey, removal and burial of Annie Sharlock,		10 00
Aid to Franklin Westcoat, by City of Fall River, Sept. 24, to Oct. 16,		24 50
Aid to Mary Deaver and family by City of Taun- ton, to May 7,		24 00
Aid to Marie Cabral, by A. J. Barker Co., medi- cine,	.60	
by C. S. Chace, transportation,	2 55	
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Aid to Catherine Snow, by F. A. Whitmarsh, milk,	6 00	
by D. D. Andrews, groceries, Jan. 1, to Dec. 26, 1907,	42 36	
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Aid to Edith V. Cash, by D. D. Andrews Feb. 18, to Nov. 28,		5 00
Aid to Rebecca Doyle, by D. D. Andrews, shoes,		1 25
Aid to Mrs. Antone Morris and seven children, by City of Taunton, June 26, to Oct. 16,		32 50

Aid to Mrs. Richard Westcoat and three children, by Town of West Bridgewater, 1906,	156 00
Aid to Jane Allen, by Edward Almy, groceries Nov. 8, 1905, to June 15, 1907,	83 00
by Staples Coal Co., coal,	12 75
by C. A. Reed, wood,	3 25
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	99 00
Aid to Logan and Braley, by E. Almy; supplies,	1 67
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Total outside relief,	\$763 83

## TOWN FARM.

Joseph B. Sayles, M. D., Town Physician, Oct. 1, 1906, to Sept. 30, 1907,	85 00
Edward E. Horton and wife, salary Supt. and Matron, Dec. 1, 1906, to Dec. 1, 1907,	300 00
Charles H. Smith, grain from Dec. 1, 1906, to Dec. 1, 1907,	265 36
Dighton Furnace Co., range,	37 75
Charles A. Atwood, M. D., assistant, operation John Wheeler,	24 75
Supplies for operation,	4 30
Supplies bought by Supt.	516 96
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	\$1,234 18
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Total outlay,	1,998 01

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Cash received sale of produce,	713 23
Paid by City of Taunton,	2 00
“ Town of Raynham,	5 25
“ Town of Yarmouth,	4 50
“ State,	36 50

Paid by State, burial,	25 00	
Sale of Jane Allen house,	320 00	
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Total credit,		\$1,106 48
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Net cost for year,		891 53

On account of inmates at town farm, nurse's bill, and assistant for operation on John Wheeler, cost nurse, 31 25, operation 24 75, and supplies 4 30, Total 59 20. J. W. Paul, clothing, 11 96. Range cost 37 75. A total of 108 91. Eggs sold, 1,295 3-4 dozen.

### INMATES.

John W. Paul, age 58 years, admitted May 29, left Nov. 19.

John Wheeler, age 63 years, admitted June 5, discharged July 12.

Jane Allen, age about 85, admitted July 25.

No tramps.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. CHACE,	} Overseers of Poor.
GEORGE M. CHASE,	
WILLARD J. REED,	

Dighton, Dec. 31, 1907.

### COPY OF RECORD.

Jan. 30, 1908.

Have this day examined the accounts of Edward E. Horton Supt. of Town Farm and find them correct and a balance due the town Jan. 1, 1908 to the amount of forty six  $\frac{27}{100}$  dollars.

Signed J. WILLIS ANDREWS, Auditor.

## Report of Board of Health.

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Number of infectious diseases reported in 1907.

Diphtheria 3, Scarlet Fever 1, Typhoid 1.

Physicians, householders and others, attention is called to the amendments to the Health Laws by the last Legislature.

They are required to report to the Board of Health the following diseases, designated by the State Board of Health as dangerous and infectious. The penalty for neglect is heavy—Astinomyeosis, Asiatic Cholera, Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, Diphtheria, Glanders, Leprosy, Malignant Pustule, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Small Pox, Tetanus, Trichinosis, Typhoid Fever, Varisella, Whooping Cough, Yellow Fever and Tuberculosis.

Town Physician for 1908, Dr. Joseph B. Sayles.

Six houses have been fumigated or disinfected by Dr. Sayles, C. A. Chase's, H. L. Ballou, J. Gracia, Alburtus Goff, Catherine Weed and Manuel George. Expense, \$23 25

Charles Huntoon was taken with diphtheria at the residence of H. L. Ballou, the house was quarantined, and a nurse was employed, the total cost including medical attendance was \$116 63.

His place of settlement was Rehoboth, which place was notified and acknowledged and paid by them.

CHARLES S. CHACE,	}	Board of Health.
GEORGE M. CHASE,		
WILLARD J. REED,		

Dighton, Dec. 31, 1907.



## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MACADAM ROADS.

Below is the final account of money expended by special committee appointed at special town meeting on April 7, 1906 to construct macadam roads.

The contract for building this road was given to Magee-Macomber Co., the lowest bidder. The figures at which they contracted to do this work follow :

Item 1. For excavation of all descriptions, except ledge, including all grubbing and clearing, the sum of \$0 40 per cubic yard.

Item 2. For all borrow when taken from outside of the location and for all small stone used for sub-grading, including all incidental work, the sum of \$0 45 per cubic yard.

Item 3. For all ledge excavation in grading, gutters, drains, culverts or wherever ordered, including all incidental work, the sum of \$1 50 per cubic yard.

Item 4. For all Portland cement concrete masonry, including all materials (excepting Portland cement) and incidental work, but not including excavation, the sum of \$7 00 per cubic yard.

Item 5. For shaping surface of road-bed ready for broken stone, including rolling and all incidental work, the sum of \$0.02 1-2 per square yard.

Item 6. For all broken stone in place, rolled, including all incidental work, the sum of \$1 43 per ton.

Item 7. For all 8 inch vitrified clay pipe, including all excavation work, the sum of \$0 50 per lineal foot.

Item 7a. For all 10 inch vitrified clay pipe, including all excavation and other incidental work, the sum of \$0 60 per lineal foot.

Item 7b. For all 12 inch vitrified clay pipe, including all excavation and other incidental work, the sum of \$0 70 per lineal foot.

Item 7c. For all 15 inch vitrified clay pipe, including all excavation and other incidental work, the sum of \$1 25 per lineal foot.

Item 7d. For all 12 inch vitrified clay pipe to be relaid, including all excavation and other incidental work, the sum of \$0 25 per lineal foot.

Item 8. For all 8 inch iron water pipe, including all excavation and other incidental work, the sum of \$2 00 per lineal foot.

Item 8a. For all 12 inch iron water pipe, including all excavation and other incidental work, the sum of \$2 50 per lineal foot.

Item 9. For all cobble stone gutters in place, including all materials, excavation and other incidental work, the sum of \$0 45 per square yard.

Item 9a. For all cobble stone gutters to be relaid, including all materials, old or new, excavation and other incidental work, the sum of \$0 20 per square yard.

Item 10. For all catch basins as per plan, frames and grates to be furnished by the committee, the sum of \$23 00 each.

A record of the quantities used of each item provided for above is kept by the engineer in charge and requisitions are issued monthly by the State Highway Commission showing the amount for town to pay. Our payments under contract have been made in accordance with their requisitions.

Other expenses incidental to the work not included in the contract appear in the memorandum of expenses given below.

## GENERAL.

9-1	Boston Herald	\$ 2 75	Advertising
10-31	A. G. Williams	10 33	Stakes & Casting
10-31	L. M. Morrill & Co.	9 00	Typewriting specifications
10-31	Almy & Milne	2 40	Advertising
10-31	Wm. Reed & Sons	1 50	"
10-31	Globe Newspaper Co.	3 30	"
10-31	Boston American	2 63	"
11-27	Waldo Bros.	30 52	Cement
1-15	Waldo Bros.	23 98	"
1-15	Waldo Bros.	39 24	"

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\$125 65

In the following memorandum, the cost of the construction on Main St. is kept separate from the cost of construction on Lincoln Ave. and Spring St. The cost of advertising, the stakes used for marking out the roads and the cement bills of Waldo Bros. as per memorandum above, amounting to \$125 65 are distributed 1-2 to the Main St. part of the construction and 1-2 to the Lincoln Ave. and Spring St. part of the construction.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Main St. 1906.		Lincoln Ave. and Spring St.
\$ 62 82	1-2 of the above general expenses	\$ 62 83
9-29	Annie M. Coddington, Land Drainage	35 00
9-17	Estate of J. M. Lincoln, Land Drainage	30 00
10-31	642 34 Magee-Macomber	763 84
11-27	136 50 Barbour-Stockwell, Catch Basins	126 00
10-31	James H. Luther, Stone for wall Lincoln Ave.	26 25
11-27	6 65 Aberthaw Construction Co., Steel rods for Cement box.	
11-27	John T. Franks, weighing stone	15 00
11-27	40 00 George E. Francis, weighing stone	
	J. H. Luther, Stone for wall	18 00



11-27	2314 19	Magee-Macomber	155 18
12-3		Mt. Hope Finishing Co., Curb, Lincoln Ave.	10 74
12-26	30 00	George E. Francis, Weighing stone	
12-26		John T. Franks, Weighing stone	20 00
12-31	1658 43	Magee-Macomber	513 84
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4-5	500 00	Magee-Macomber	334 15
5-4		John F. Lassen, Weighing stone	17 00
5-22		John F. Lassen, " "	10 00
5-30		John F. Lassen, " "	12 00
5-30		Magee-Macomber	1613 30
6-8		John F. Lassen, Weighing stone	18 00
5-6		John F. Lassen, " "	11 00
7-15		Magee-Macomber, Paid by the Mt. Hope Finish- ing Co., being the cost of Spring St. from Summer St. to Mt. Hope Lane	532 50
9-26	228 27	Magee-Macomber	88 67
		Magee-Macomber, Paid by committee person- ally to balance Magee-Macomber account	724 19
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	5619 20		5637 49

Of the above payments to Magee-Macomber Co. it will be seen that \$532 50 was contributed by the Mt. Hope Finishing Co. same being paid in accordance with an order signed by the State Highway Commissioners, stating that the cost of construction on Spring St. from Summer St. to the head of Mt. Hope Lane was \$532 50.

It will also be seen from the above statement that the committee has exceeded the town's appropriation of \$10,000 by \$724 19 in addition to the \$532 50 described above. This \$724 19 has been paid by the committee individually in accordance with the requisitions of the State Highway Commissioners in order to balance the account with Magee-Macomber Co. and receipt from them in full is on file with the town clerk.

Your committee wishes further to report that the amount of money expended for drainage purposes in the south part



of the town, namely for pipe, culverts and sand catchers, etc. amounts to \$1283 15 and that money expended in the north part of the town for similar purposes amounts to \$966 81.

Your committee also wishes to bring to your attention that whereas the excess over the appropriation of \$5,000 for the north part of the town is \$104 99 after deducting the contribution of the Mt. Hope Finishing Co. the excess of expenditure over the appropriation in the south part of the town is \$619 20.

Your committee also wishes to bring to your attention in this connection that the excess of crushed stone used on Main St. was 518 tons at \$1 43 a ton making 740 74 above the State Highway Commissioners' estimate of the stone required for this section of the road.

Your committee accordingly wishes you to note that the whole amount of the excess over the appropriation, namely \$724 19 is accounted for by this excessive amount of crushed stone, which was used on Main St. over and above what the engineer estimated it would take to do the work. It seems that the stone fill on this road consumed far more crushed stone than the State Highway engineer estimated.

Your committee in submitting this report further requests that the town will recognize the effort of its committee to carry out to the best of their ability the vote of the town and to do the work planned within the appropriation and further hopes that the town will see fit to reimburse the committee through its secretary for the amount of money, namely \$724 19, which has been expended in excess of the appropriation and which, as explained above, was necessitated by the consumption of stone on Main St. being so much larger than the estimate.

As your committee has been criticized for not constructing a macadam road from the corner of Lincoln Ave. and Spring

St. to the bridge over the Three Mile River, the committee wishes to explain that the consulting engineer of the Highway Commission, Mr. Farrington, examined the culverts from the paper mill under Spring St. and declared them unsafe and unfit to build macadam road over. The opinion of the Highway Commission's engineer was later justified by the fact that part of this culvert fell in. Your committee accordingly deemed it unwise to lay out any money in permanent construction over an insecure foundation.

The present also seemed a wrong time to do this work, in that the present bridge across the Three Mile River is going to last only a few years more and if this structure is replaced by another and more permanent one, the grade will require to be changed in the approach to the bridge and when this bridge is built then is the proper time to macadamize the road in question.

In the south part of the town, your committee built 3550 feet of road at a cost of \$1 58 per foot.

In the north part of the town, your committee built 4618 feet of road at a cost of \$1 22 per foot.

C. C. ANDREWS,

Secretary for the Committee.

I hereby certify that I have examined the financial account as given above and certify that the account is correct and properly authenticated by the necessary vouchers and receipts.

J. WILLIS ANDREWS, Auditor.

# Town Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

1906.			
Dec. 31.	Balance in Treasury		3,829 88
1907.			
Dec. 25.	Rec'd of Commonwealth, School Tax		1,227 50
	Bristol County, dog tax		342 52
Feb. 1.	City of Taunton, pauper aid		2 00
	Town of Raynham " "		5 25
	Town of Yarmouth " "		4 50
Apr. 2.	George Greene, oyster note		125 00
2.	" " " "		125 00
12.	B. C. Nat. Bank, temporary loan		2,000 00
	George M. Chase, use of Town Hall		10 50
May 20.	C. S. Chase, butchers license, D. T. Wood, Jr.		1 00
May 1.	" " express license to transport liquor		1 00
Jan. 1.	District Court fine in Oliver case		50 00
Feb. 27.	Commonwealth care of contagious disease		36 50
Mar. 30.	District Court, A. White, Court fine		15 00
June 1.	E. E. Horton sale of produce		100 00
May 28.	B. C. Nat. Bank, temporary loan		3,500 00
June 1.	E. D. Perry, fish note		15 00
	A. N. Goff " "		15 00
July 15.	Mt. Hope Finishing Co., macadam road		
	from Mt. Hope Lane to Summer St.		532 50
22.	B. C. Nat. Bank, temporary loan		2,500 00

Sept. 4.	A. W. Turner, supervisor's salary	437 50
Oct. 1.	Interest on deposits	44 86
5.	District Court, police fine	50 00
	Town of Rehoboth	116 63
Nov. 5.	C. G. Staples, butcher license	1 00
	W. E. Walker, " "	1 00
15.	Commonwealth Corporation tax	169 92
	" Nat. Bank tax	636 54
	" State Aid	797 00
	" Burial of paupers	25 00
	" St. Railway tax	819 47
	A. H. Hood & Co. for the Holyoke Ins. Co.	20 00
	I. Bosworth, school tuition	31 50
Dec. 31.	E. E. Horton, sale of produce	50 00
		<hr/>
		\$18,065 07

## COLLECTION OF TAXES.

## For Year 1906.

Feb. 26.	Rec'd from A. N. Goff, cash and check	150 00
May 18.	" " " " " "	80 00
Dec. 9.	" " " " " "	78 00
31.	" " " " " "	22 00
	" " " " " "	135 00
	" " " " " "	2 10
		<hr/>
		\$467 10

## For Year 1907.

Sept. 27.	Rec'd from A. N. Goff, cash and check	175 00
Oct. 3.	" " " " " "	300 00
10.	" " " " " "	350 20
18.	" " " " " "	575 00
23.	" " " " " "	400 00
25.	" " " " " "	800 00
	" " " " " "	1,000 00



Oct. 26.	Rec'd from A. N. Goff cash and check	3,372 53	
	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,100 00	
28.	“ “ “ “ “ “	2,100 00	
30.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,700 00	
31.	“ “ “ “ “ “	1,354 00	
Nov. 2.	“ “ “ “ “ “	771 00	
8.	“ “ “ “ “ “	650 00	
16.	“ “ “ “ “ “	250 00	
Dec. 9.	“ “ “ Excise tax	1,284 19	
	“ “ “ Cash and check	175 00	
30.	“ “ “ “ “ “	300 00	
31.	“ “ “ “ “ “	553 92	
		—————	\$17,210 84

## EXPENDITURES.

## Town Officers.

Jan. 5.	Paid C. S. Chase, selectman	150 00
	Willard J. Reed, “	100 00
	George M. Chase, “	100 00
Feb. 2.	L. J. Wade, assessor	38 75
	J. W. Andrews, auditor	5 00
	Dwight F. Lane, treasurer	75 00
	“ “ “ town clerk	52 50
	A. N. Goff, teller	3 00
	W. E. Walker, teller	4 00
	H. E. Williams ballot clerk	3 00
	Geo. E. Gooding, making valuation	5 00
Apr. 6.	“ “ “ assessor	77 25
	S. H. Wheldon, teller	2 00
	D. F. Lane, recording births, marriages and deaths	48 50
	A. W. Turner, sec'y school committee	10 00

May 4.	W. H. Walker, meat inspector	25 00	
	“ “ releasing cattle	15 00	
	C. C. Andrews, registrar of voters	14 00	
	J. Harvey Briggs, “ “ “	14 00	
	Robert Allen, “ “ “	14 00	
	Dwight F. Lane, “ “ “	19 00	
Aug. 3.	Edmund Hathaway, tree warden	4 50	
	“ “ constable,	57 95	
Nov. 2.	Geo. E. Gooding, assessor for 1907	84 10	
	“ “ “ copying	7 00	
	W. H. Walker, cattle inspector	30 00	
	Francis Waldron, teller	3 00	
Dec. 7.	S. H. Wheldon, “	3 00	
	W. E. Walker, “ Mar. and Nov.	4 00	
	F. A. D. Bullard, teller	2 00	
	N. O. Walker, ballot clerk	3 00	
Oct. 5.	W. H. Walker, cattle inspector	25 00	
	“ “ “ “	9 00	
Dec. 31.	A. N. Goff, collector of taxes, 1906	125 00	
	“ “ postage and mailing	10 00	
			<hr/> \$1,142 55

## INCIDENTALS.

Jan. 5.	Paid to Davol Printing House	3 75	
	A. H. Hood & Co., insurance school		
	house and library	57 95	
	C. S. Chase, car fare and expenses	40 00	
13.	L. E. Butler, reporting births	4 50	
Feb. 2.	Cecil T. Bagnall, printing for		
	selectmen	1 75	
	B. L. Dwinell, M. D., reporting birth	25	
	Edmund Hathaway, clearing water		
	way off Main St.	6 50	
8.	A. B. Simmons, mowing cemetery	12 00	

Mar. 2.	Dighton Fur. Co., stove for town hall	4 00
	A. H. Hood & Co., insurance	53 82
6.	Theron Gorham, printing Reports	123 05
16.	Thomas Rogers, release of land	20 00
20.	S. Hedges, nursing Chas. Huntoon	77 50
	Mary T. Pomroy, " "	1 00
Apr. 6.	George E. Gooding, supplies for assessors	15 10
	D. F. Lane, supplies for town clerk	40 60
	Geo. M. Chase, care of town hall	17 75
24.	J. B. Horton, rent of shed for steam roller	10 00
May 4.	Davol Printing House, printing	15 50
Apr. 12.	Town of Middleboro, watching herring	20 00
Jun 1.	Henry M. Meek, printing	1 63
July 7.	Cecil T. Bagnall, printing for town clerk	5 25
19.	Albert R. White, 2d, attorney for W. C. Tripp releasing land on Somerset Ave.	125 00
6.	N. Allen Walker, fighting forest fires	20 80
Aug. 3.	A. H. Hood & Co., insurance	7 50
3.	Roland G. Briggs, painting vault	7 30
9.	J. B. Tracy, attorney	5 00
Sept 7.	Theron Gorham, printing	1 40
	J. A. Williams, repairs town hall	11 00
	C. G. Staples, mowing town hall yard	1 25
Oct 5.	Theron Gorham, tax notices	5 00
	Davol Printing House, for assessors	12 00
Nov. 2.	Barry Printing Co., gypsy moth notices	3 00
	Cora M. Lincoln, stamps	6 12
	J. B. Sayles, fumigating	10 50

Apr. 6.	B. I. Hathaway, supplies for Huntoon	1 04	
	Fred N. Reed,	21 72	
	W. T. Place,	3 74	
	N. B. Horton,	1 38	
		<hr/>	\$775 65 .
	Total expenses for town officers and incidentals		\$1,918 20

## RECEIPTS FROM INCIDENTALS.

Two fish notes	30 00	
Oyster note	250 00	
Butchers licenses	3 00	
Inspector of Animals	21 50	
Street Railway tax	819 47	
Use of town hall	10 50	
Appropriation	400 00	
Insurance	20 00	
Town of Rehoboth, care of Charles Huntoon	116 63	1,671 10
Overdrawn December 31, 1906		423 93
Amount available for 1907	1,247 17	
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907		671 03

MACADAM ROAD ON MAIN AND SPRING STREET  
AND LINCOLN AVE.

Dec. 31.	Paid selectmens' orders to date	3,328 11	
	Amount available Dec. 31, 1906		2,895 61
	Amount received from Mt. Hope Finishing Co. to pay for mac- adam on Spring St. from Mt. Hope Lane to Summer St.		532 50
	Total amt. available Dec. 31, 1907		3,428 11
	Amount due to contractors Dec. 1907	100 00	



I also received from Magee-Macomber Co., a receipt for seven hundred twenty-four  $\frac{19}{100}$  in full settlement of all demands for building said macadam this being the amount paid by said committee to pay for sums expended in excess of the appropriation.

## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation	500 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	1,010 14	
Excise tax for 1907	1,284 19	2,794 33
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmens' orders to date	1,575 25	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		1,219 08

## MACADAM ROAD ON MAIN STREET.

Appropriation	2,000 00	
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	1,713 93	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		286 07

## SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	3,000 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	276 52	
School Fund	1,227 50	
Dog Fund	242 52	
Education of charity children	85 00	
State supervision of schools	175 00	
I. Bosworth, tuition	31 50	5,038 04
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	4,350 70	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907.		687 34

## SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

For books and supplies	400 00	
For Repairs and incidentals	400 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	24 35	824 35
Dec. 31. Paid selectmen's orders to date	825 52	
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907		1 17

The Supt. of schools informed me at the end of the year that the appropriation for repairs and incidentals was overdrawn but as the bills were not marked so that I could distinguish them I have placed them under school incidentals as heretofore, for further particulars I respectfully refer you to School Committee's Report.

Superintendent of Schools	250 00	
Received from State	262 50	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	111 06	623 56
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	525 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906		98 56

#### HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

Appropriation	1,400 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	46 74	1,446 74
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	1,153 25	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907.		293 49

#### MUSIC AND DRAWING.

Appropriation	500 00	
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1906	60 06	439 94
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	458 22	
Overdrawn Dec. 31 1907		18 28

#### TRANSPORTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS.

Appropriation	600 00	
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	400 50	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		199 50

## FUEL AND JANITORS.

Appropriation	850 00	
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date		763 20
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		86 80

## POOR AND ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation	1000 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	841 41	
Rec'd from City of Taunton	2 00	
"    "    Town of Raynham	5 25	
"    "    "    "    Yarmouth	4 50	
"    "    E. E. Horton, sale of produce	150 00	
Rec'd from Mt. Hope Finishing Co. sale of the Jane Allen place	320 00	
Rec'd from Commonwealth burial of paupers	25 00	
		2,348 16
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	1,494 50	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		853 66

## ASSISTANCE AT FIRES BY CITY OF TAUNTON.

Appropriation	100 00	
Dec, 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date		100 00

## BERKLEY BRIDGE.

Appropriation	200 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	43 46	
		243 46
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	215 72	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		27 74

## GYPSY MOTH DESTRUCTION.

Appropriation	50 00	
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	35 40	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		14 60

## STATE AID.

Received from State	797 00	
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1906	724 04	72 96
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date		1,024 00
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907		951 04

## POLICE SERVICE.

Appropriation	500 00	
Rec'd from District Court from fines	115 00	
		615 00
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	344 86	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		270 14

## PAINTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

Appropriation	200 00	
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	195 48	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		4 52

## MEMORIAL STONE.

Appropriation	40 00	
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid John B. Sullivan & Son	40 00	

## ASSESSORS PLATTING THE TOWN

Appropriation	600 00	
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid E. G. Hopkins	55 92	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		544 08

## MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation	40 00	
Paid D. D. Andrews	20 00	
“ J. H. Luther	20 00	40 00



## PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	200 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	40 08	240 08
Dec. 31, 1907. Paid selectmen's orders to date	193 10	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		46 98

## INTEREST AND DISCOUNT.

Appropriation	600 00	
1907.		
Mar. 1. Paid Interest on Somerset Ave. bridge note	16 67	
Apr. 11. " Discount on temporary loan	58 33	
May 1. " Interest on macadam loan	200 00	
28. " Discount on temporary loan	87 50	
July 22. " " " "	43 75	
Sept. 8. " Interest on Somerset Ave. bridge note	25 00	
Nov. 1. " Interest on macadam loan	200 00	
" " Somerset Ave. bridge note	3 63	634 88
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907		34 88

## TOWN NOTES AND TAXES.

Oct. 20. Paid Bristol County Tax	1,405 07	
Nov. 1. " Somerset Ave. bridge note	500 00	
" Macadam road note	1,000 00	
15. " State tax	1,160 00	
" State, repairs of State Highways	25 74	
11. " B. C. Nat. Bank, temporary loan	2,000 00	
22. " " " " " "	2,500 00	
28. " " " " " "	3,500 00	12,090 81

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Receipts to Dec. 31, 1907	35,743 01
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## EXPENDITURES.

Paid Incidentals	1,918 20
“ Macadam road Spring, Main and Lincoln Ave.	3,328 11
“ Roads and bridges	1,575 25
“ Macadam road on Main Street	1,713 93
“ Schools	4,350 70
“ Books and supplies	
“ School incidentals	
“ Superintendent of schools	525 00
“ High school tuition	1,153 25
“ Music and drawing	458 22
“ Transportation of High School scholars	400 50
“ Fuel and Janitors	763 20
“ Repairs and incidentals	
“ Supplies	
“ Poor and Almshouse	1,494 50
“ City of Taunton Fireman's Relief Assoc.	100 00
“ Berkley Bridge	215 72
“ Gypsy Moth destruction	35 40
“ State aid	1,024 00
“ Police service	344 86
“ Painting school houses	195 48
“ Memorial stone at Provincetown	40 00
“ Assessors platting the town	55 92
“ Memorial Day	40 00
“ Public Library	193 10
“ Interest and discount	634 88
“ Town notes and taxes	12,090 81

33,476 55

Balance in treasury Dec. 31, 1907,	2,266 46
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# Town Treasurer's Report of

## Burial Ground Funds.

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Sarah Babbitt Fund	100 00	
Interest to Jan. 1, 1908	7 18	
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	\$107 18	
Paid for care of lot	1 75	
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Jan. 1, 1908. Deposit in Taunton Savings Bank,		\$105 43
Nelson Horton Fund	\$100 00	
Jan. 1, 1908. Interest to date	7 18	
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	107 18	
Paid for care of lot	3 00	
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Jan. 1, 1908. Deposit in Taunton Savings Bank		104 18
Sylvanus Jones Fund	\$100 00	
1908.		
Jan. 1. Interest to date	1 00	
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Jan. 1. Deposit Taunton Savings Bank		101 00

DWIGHT F. LANE, Treasurer.





TOWN'S INDEBTEDNESS BY NOTE.

Nine notes of \$1,000 each, the first one due Nov. 1st, 1908, and one each year until paid.

One note of \$500 due Nov. 1st, 1908.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT F. LANE,

Town Treasurer.

# Auditor's Report.

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Dighton, Mass., Jan. 1, 1908.

I have examined the accounts of Dwight F. Lane, Treasurer, and the vouchers of the Selectmen and find them correct and duly authenticated, and report as follows for year ending Dec. 31, 1907.

Receipts from all sources	\$35,743 01
Total expenditures	33,476 55

Balance the hands of Treasurer	\$2,266 46
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I have examined the accounts of A. N. Goff, collector of taxes, to Jan. 1, 1908, and find as follows.

Commitment for 1907	\$17,109 75
Treasurer's receipts	15,926 65
Abatements	21 10
	<hr/> \$15,947 72

Amount uncollected	1,162 03
Excise Street Railway tax	\$1,284 19

Amount of taxes uncollected Jan. 1, 1907, on commitment of 1906	\$560 49
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Treasurer's receipts	332 10
Abatements	93 39
Tax collector's salary	125 00
Postage and delivering notices	10 00
	\$560 49

I find in the hands of Treasurer, two fish notes signed by Albert N. Goff and Edward D. Perry, for fifteen dollars (\$15 00) each, due June 1st, 1908.

Also nine oyster notes of one hundred fifty dollars, (\$150 00) each signed by George T. Greene, Jr. and one being due each year July 1st, from 1908 to 1916 inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WILLIS ANDREWS,

Auditor.

# ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT FOR 1907.

	No. Section.	So. Section.	West Section.	Totals.
General Repairs,	\$71.75	\$218.26	\$41.50	\$331.51
Scraping,	45.50	38.00	90.98	174.48
Town Gravel bank, distributed on Centre St.,			59.75	59.75
Sidewalks necessary on acct. Macadam road const'n,	238.88	410.78		649.66
Sidewalk on Brook St.,		45.33		45.33
Snow Bills,	119.90	72.45	42.80	235.15
Wellington St. job, (near cor. William,)			102.37	102.37
Supplies,	4.25	4.25	4.25	12.75
Macadam Road, Main St., at foot of Reed's Hill.				
Surveying,	\$50.00			
Paid for stone	100.00			
H. O. Palmer, coal	83.17			
Dighton S. L. Co., coal	4.79			
D. D. Andrews, tools	12.46			
Roy Richmond, supplies	.80			
W. E. Barrett, tools	6.60			
Labor as per Pay Roll	1456.11			
	<u>1713.93</u>	1713.93		1713.93

## Bills Due Not Paid.

Stone	41.90
Crushing 532.298 tons stone at 55c, \$292.76	
less 34,400 lbs. coal at 4.50	69.11
	<u>\$1979.48</u>
	\$480.28
	<u>\$2503.00</u>
	\$341.65
	<u>\$3324.93</u>

On the Macadam Road job 833 tons of field stone were used in stone fill, 586 tons of field stone were used to obtain 532.298 tons crushed stone, 1200 feet of road was built at an average cost of \$1.66 per foot. The road was surveyed from foot of hill to Mill Street, about 1-2 mile.

NOTE.—The sidewalks necessary on account of macadam road construction in the North section have cost a total of \$238.88. In the South section \$410.78 in 1907 and \$266.67 in 1906 making a total of \$677.45 or for the North and South sections combined \$916.33.

JOHN THWAINES, Secretary.

## Public Library Report.

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The Trustees herewith submit their twelfth Annual Report.

No. volumes in library,	2102	
No. borrowers cards	208	
Circulation for year	3257	
Dec. 31, 1906. Balance in Trustees hands	96	
“ “ 1907. Rec'd during year	3 08	
	<hr/>	4 04
Paid for car fare, postage and freight	2 75	
Balance Dec. 31, 1907		1 29

The Rev. A. J. Rich and Robert Humphreys have kindly given the library a large number of books but as our shelves were full they are still in the boxes in which they were originally sent. We are still in hopes the town will soon do something to enlarge the library as it is difficult work to care for such books as are now on hand. The Trustees would be pleased to place a lot of 200 books in any section of the town for the accomodation of that section provided some one would take charge of same and see that they were returned. For report of appropriation see Town Treasurer's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT F. LANE,

Chairman of Trustees.



## Patriotic Record.

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The committee chosen in 1906 to report where the soldiers of the Revolutionary, Mexican and Civil War were buried submit the following additional report:

### SCHOOL STREET CEMETERY.

Francis Waldron

Seminole war

Gardner Bosworth

This name was reported in Riverside Cemetery by mistake.

### RIVERSIDE CEMETERY.

Gustavus T. Fisher

### WILLIAMS STREET.

Henry Jones, instead of Henry James as reported in 1906.

Rev. Elijah Walker

### FOREST STREET.

George Waldron.

### WELLINGTON STREET.

William H. Francis in Civil war instead of Revolutionary as reported in 1906.

D. D. ANDREWS,	} Committee.
N. O. WALKER,	
S. H. WHELDON.	

## Town Clerk's Report.

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The following is a synopsis of business as recorded during 1907.

At the annual town meeting held March 4th, 1907, Nathan O. Walker, Silas H. Wheldon, Albert N. Goff, and W. E. Walker were appointed and qualified as tellers.

Charles S. Chase was chosen moderator.

The usual committee on appropriations was appointed as follows:—William H. Walker, James N. Paul, Joseph R. Miliken, Herbert A. Briggs, George M. Chase, Josiah S. Place and Edmund Hathaway.

The following were elected as town officers for 1907.

Town Treasurer, Dwight F. Lane. Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health, Charles S. Chase, George M. Chase and Willard J. Reed. Assessors, George E. Gooding, Leroy J. Wade and Ferdinand Waldron. Collector of taxes, Albert N. Goff. Trustee of Public Library Norma L. Andrews. For Tree Warden, Edmund Hathaway. For auditor J. Willis Andrews. Road commissioner for three years, Charles A. Horton. Road commissioner for one year, John Thwaites. Constables, Edmund Hathaway, Fred Millard, Elwin W. Ward, Charles A. Horton, George M. Chase, Leroy J. Wade, William B. Kay and Albert N. Goff. School committee for three years, Samuel N. Coddington and George H. Walker.

The vote on the license question was, Yes, 8. No, 42.

Voted that the Board of Road Commissioners be instructed

to take such action as is necessary to carry into effect the vote passed Nov. 8, 1904, whereby the Town voted to take two hundred and fifty dollars from the excise tax to build a suitable fence on the south side of Spring Street from Fred N. Reed's west.

Voted to accept the reports of the town officers as printed.

Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray town charges the ensuing year.

Teachers' Salaries,	3,000 00
Fuel and Janitors,	850 00
Repairs and incidentals,	400 00
Books and Supplies,	400 00
High School Tuition,	1,400 00
Music and Drawing,	500 00
School Supervision,	250 00
Medical inspection of school children,	50 00
Transportation of High School scholars,	600 00
Macadam on Main Street,	2,000 00
Roads and Bridges,	500 00
Town Debt,	1,500 00
Poor and Almshouse,	1,000 00
Incidentals,	400 00
Interest charges,	600 00
Dighton and Berkley bridge,	200 00
Observance of Memorial Day,	40 00

The usual vote to borrow money in anticipation of taxes to the amount of \$8,000, was passed. A committee of three, consisting of D. F. Lane, C. C. Andrews and James N. Paul, was appointed to ascertain the probable cost of a Memorial Stone for the Pilgrims Monument at Provincetown and report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted to instruct the selectmen to sell the Oyster privilege to the best advantage possible.



Voted that the compensation of the Town Treasurer be seventy five dollars and the Tax Collector's salary be one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Voted to pay the Firemen's Relief Association of Taunton, one hundred dollars as part compensation for attendance at two fires during last year.

Voted to discontinue that part of Somerset Ave. from Taunton line southerly outside of the layout of the Mass. Highway Commission.

Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars to paint the School Houses at North and South Dighton.

Fish wardens were chosen as follows: William E. Walker, Walter E. Chase and Edmund Hathaway.

The Oyster wardens were the same as Fish wardens.

Voted to instruct the Overseers of the Poor to hire a Supt. of the Almshouse for the year succeeding their term of office.

Voted to choose a committee of three to ascertain the probable cost of platting the Town or making a rough map of the streets and different real estate owners and the practical value of the same to the Town and to report at the adjourned meeting, and George E. Gooding, C. C. Andrews and J. K. Milliken were chosen.

The field drivers were Gilbert Wolfe, Albert N. Goff and William E. Walker.

Measurers of wood and bark, George E. Gooding and Edmund Hathaway.

Measurer of Lumber, George E. Gooding.

Public Weigher, John A. Lewis.

Fence Viewers, George E. Gooding, Leroy J. Wade and Ferdinand Waldron.



Jurors accepted as follows:

Frank H. Grant, clerk	John T. Adams, blacksmith
Francis Waldron, baker	Rufus P. Horton, farmer
Daniel T. Wood, Jr., farmer	Hiram O. Palmer, “
Ralph Thornley, moulder	Joseph E. Sears, “
David F. Smith, carpenter	Herbert L. Horton, “
Edmund Hathaway, retired	James N. Paul, “
Charles W. Chase, reporter	Charles G. Staples, “
George F. Hathaway, farmer	Nathan O. Walker, “
George E. Francis, mason	William Y. Wilcox, salesman
George H. Walker, florist	Otis M. Reed, farmer
Elwin W. Ward, newsdealer	N. Allen Walker, farmer
Roland H. Farnham,	Almond B. Horton,
silversmith	stove lining finisher
Irving G. Horton, farmer	Henry E. Williams, farmer
George A. Clark, “	William T. Place, merchant
John A. Negus, laborer	George A. Reed, moulder
Silas H. Wheldon	

Voted that repairing of the highways be done in same manner as last year, which was, for a man, 15 cents per hour, or \$1 50 for 10 hours; for a horse 12 1-2 cents per hour, for cart 2 1-2 cents, for horse and cart 15 cents per hour, or \$1 50 per 10 hours, for yoke of oxen and cart, 20 cents per hour, or \$2 00 per ten hours, for double team of horses \$2 75 per day or \$1 25 for each horse, for shoveling snow 20 cents per hour.

Voted to adjourn to Saturday, April 6th, 1907, at 3 p. m.

At the adjourned annual meeting held April 6th, 1907.

Voted to accept report of committee on platting the Town as made by Joseph K. Milliken and to refer the same to the next town meeting to be held April 13th, 1907.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$40 00 to purchase a memorial stone to be placed in the Pilgrims monument at Provinctown.

Voted that the Road Commissioners be instructed to keep their accounts in the hands of the Secretary of said Board as contemplated in the By-Laws of this town, at all times up to date, so that either of the Road Commissioners individually or any other citizen of the town can know at any time how much of the amount appropriated for roads has been expended and how much remains unexpended. To accomplish this, the Road Commissioners are instructed to mail each day to the Secretary, a report showing, First, the amount of labor put out on the roads during the day, in the form of a signed payroll which payroll form is to be provided by the Secretary of the Board. This payroll is to be filled with the name of each employee of the town working this particular day on the road, together with the hours worked and the rate of wages and the street or particular job upon which this labor is expended. Secondly a signed report showing the amount of material used on the roads during the day, together with the cost of same and the street or particular job upon which this material has been put out. From the information so obtained the Secretary shall regularly at the end of each week furnish the Board of Selectmen with the payroll for the preceding week, together with the bills for material for the preceding week, these payrolls and bills shall then be paid by the town treasurer in whatever way is found by him to be most satisfactory.

At a legal meeting of the town held April 13, 1907, it was voted to choose Charles S. Chase, moderator.

Voted to accept report of the committee on platting the town for the assessors.

Voted to accept and adopt that part of the committee's report which recommends that a plan be made from descriptions recorded in deeds and other data which may come to hand, using the surveyor and instruments only where necessary on account of errors and inaccuracies in the deeds, tran-

scribing at the same time from the Registry of Deeds a brief description of each piece of property so far as is necessary for the use and benefit of the assessors.

Voted to accept and adopt the ordinances or by-laws read by the moderator to regulate the licensing of junk dealers and that the town clerk submit them to the Courts for approval.

Voted to authorize and instruct the committee on macadam roads to begin at Mt. Hope Lane in the building of the macadam road on Spring St.

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars and take one hundred dollars from the dog fund for the public library.

Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for police protection.

Voted that the two thousand dollars appropriated for macadam roads at the annual town meeting be expended under the direction of the Mass. State Highway Commission.

Voted to raise and appropriate by taxation six hundred dollars to pay for platting the town in accordance with the vote passed this day, and work to be done under the direction of the assessors, with J. S. Place and C. C. Andrews.

At a legal meeting of the voters on August 12, 1907, Charles S. Chase chosen moderator, it was voted to instruct the Selectmen to sell the Jane Allen house on Spring St., No. Dighton.

Voted to authorize the treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year as usual to the amount of \$3,000.

Voted to adjourn.

At a legal meeting of the voters of the town held Sept. 17, 1907, Charles S. Chase was chosen moderator.

Voted to choose by nomination a committee of three to make an investigation of the work of the committee on mac-



adam roads and report at the annual town meeting in March 1908, this committee to have authority to employ legal advice and to expend a sum not to exceed two hundred dollars. E. Ellsworth Lincoln, Josiah S. Place and Herbert N. Walker, were nominated and chosen as that committee.

Voted to refer Art. 3d. to the next annual town meeting.

Voted to adjourn.

The annual State election was held on Nov. 5, 1907.

Nathan O. Walker and Henry E. Williams were appointed ballot clerks. Francis Waldron and Silas H. Wheldon, were appointed tellers.

The ballots having been assorted and counted the result was declared as follows:

For Governor, Charles W. Bartlett of Newton. 6. Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham 2. Curtis Guild, Jr. of Boston 89. Thomas L. Hisgen of West Springfield 8. Henry M. Whitney of Brookline 12. blanks 5.

For Lieut. Governor, E. Gerry Brown of Brockton 12, John T. Cahill of Lawrence 1. Eben S. Draper of Hopedale 89. Robert Lawrence of Clinton 1. Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham 2. George A. Schofield of Ipswich 10. blanks 7.

For Secretary, Solon W. Bingham of Newton 2. Odelion Z. E. Chase of Holyoke 7. John Hall, Jr. of Chicopee 2. William M. Olin of Boston 92. Dennis J. Ring of Lowell 7. blanks 13.

For Treasurer, Edward J. Cantwell of Fall River 9. Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke 91. Daniel F. Doherty of West Springfield 6. Edward Kendall of Cambridge 2. blanks 14.

For Auditor, Joseph A. Conry of Boston 6. Thomas E. Finnerty of Clinton 5. George G. Hall of Boston 1. James F. Pease of Merrimac 2. Henry E. Turner of Malden 93. blanks 14.

For Attorney General, Allen Coffin of Nantucket 6. Dana Malone of Greenfield 86. John McCarthy of Abington 1. James



E. McConnell of Boston 8, William N. Osgood of Lowell 8, Harvey H. Pratt of Scituate 2, blanks 11.

For Councillor, Albion F. Bemis of Foxboro 86, William A. Bunton of Boston 7, John M. Fisher of Attleboro 3, Charles G. Kidder of Taunton 10, blanks 15.

For Senator, Thomas F. Loorem of Taunton 14, Albert R. Macomber of Attleboro 7, Thomas W. Williams of Attleboro 90, blanks 11.

For Representative in General Court Fifth Bristol District. Ralph Davol of Taunton 99, Felix P. Keirnan of Taunton 15, blanks 8.

For County Commissioner, Frank M. Chase of Fall River, 96, John M. Fisher of Attleboro 6, blanks 20.

For Associate Commissioners, Lincoln S. Drake of Easton 9, Irving M. Gay of Attleboro 4, Thomas Kippax of Fall River 2, John M. Reed of Westport 76, John Thacher of Attleboro 50, blanks 22.

For District Attorney Southern District, James M. Swift of Fall River 101; blanks 21.

For Sheriff of Bristol County, Edwin H. Evans of Taunton 109, Charles H. Wilson of Fall River 2, blanks 11.

Shall the proposed amendment to the constitution authorizing the Governor with the consent of the Council to remove Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public be approved and ratified—Yes, 44, No, 8, blanks 70.

Voted to adjourn at 5 o'clock P. M.

The meeting for the sale of the Fish Privileges was held Nov. 5, 1907, and they were sold by vote of the town at Public Auction to E. D. Perry and A. N. Goff at \$15 each, they giving their note for same payable June 1, 1908.

On Nov. 15, 1907, the town clerk met with the city clerk of Taunton and town clerks of Rehoboth and Berkley and examined the transcript of votes for representative from this

District, and found that Ralph Davol of Taunton was elected.

The Selectmen have made the following appointments during the year.

Special constables, S. Herbert Briggs, Patrick Haggerty, Frank Boothby, John Bailey, Charles Marsch.

Regular Constables, George W. Chaplin, Lewis F. Ridley, Josiah S. Place, Thomas H. Walsh.

Public weighers, Hiram O. Palmer, William Z. Whitmarsh, Frank H. Grant, William B. Casy, John Lassen.

Forest Fire Wards, John T. Adams.

Burial agent, Nathan O. Walker.

Agent of Board of Health, Dwight F. Lane.

Auctioneer, Charles S. Chase.

Inspector of animals and meats, William H. Walker.

Sealer of weights and measures, Albert N. Goff.

License to sell fireworks, Charles W. Chase, Fred N. Reed, Mary E. Perry and A. L. Briggs.

License to set traps for fishing in Taunton River, Charles Gardner.

Registrar of voters for three years, Robert Allen.

Jurors drawn during year, George T. Briggs, John A. Williams, Fred N. Reed, Nathan O. Coddington, George F. Hathaway, Charles W. Chase, Joseph E. Sears, Frank H. Grant, John A. Negus and George A. Reed.

## Town Clerk's Report.

### BIRTHS REGISTERED DURING 1907.

DATE.	NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
Jan. 14.	Joseph K. Milliken, Jr.	Joseph K. and Carrie E. Milliken
Feb. 1.	Dennis Perry	Antone and Jessie Sylvia
2.	Sylvia	Antone and Mary Sylvia
22.	Gallant	Manuel and Marie Gallant
Mar. 5.	Caberal	Manuel and Mary Caberal
6.	Talbot	Frank A. and Esther Talbot
8.	Dutra	Antone and Constance Dutra
9.	Sylvia	Joseph and Marie Sylvia
29.	Warren Ellery Goff	George E. and Ada V. Goff
Apr. 2.	Still Born	
12.	Manuel C. Mello	Frank and Mary Mello
19.	Cardoza	Frank P. and Philomena Cardoza
19.	Ruth De Castro	Ellsworth E. and Abbie De Castro
28.	Brady	Patrick W. and Abby Brady
May 13.	Mehall	Samuel and Sarah Mehall
17.	Catabra	Manuel and Marie Catabra
30.	Bartlett	Walter R. and Florence Bartlett
June 6.	Kathleen Gertrude Leonard	Theo. W. and Mary Leonard
21.	Pecheco	Manuel and Laura Pecheco
25.	Horton	Jessie E. and Adelia Horton
July 16.	Carr	Charles and Gertrude Carr
Aug. 7.	Alice Katherine Glynn	John and Annie I. Glynn
20.	John Brayton Lewis	John A. and Gertrude Lewis
Sept. 6.	Sylvia	Manuel and Mary Sylvia
16.	Augustus G. Shove	Elmer E. and Elsie Shove
26.	Still Born	
Oct. 2.	Still Born	
4.	Sylvia	William and Rita Sylvia
12.	Harriet E. Robenson	John and Eliz. Robenson
14.	Lopes	Manuel and Flena Lopes
20.	Warren D. Brune	Fred W. and Florence E. Brune

21.	Atkins	Benj. F. and Eva Linda Atkins
24.	David L. Simmons	George F. and Christina Simmons
30.	Antone Sylvia	John F. and Antoney Sylvia
31.	Chase	George E. and Bertha M. Chase
Nov. 10.	Edward J. McLaughlin	Richard H. and Ida T. McLaughlin
11.	Sylvia	Jos. M. and Mary Sylvia
23.	Still Born	
Dec. 1.	Maria Woods	John S. and Maria Woods
2.	Eddy	William A. and Maud A. Chase
2.	Mary Smith	Fred and Pearl Smith
7.	Edith Reed	Arthur and Bertha Reed
30.	Mary J. Fairbanks	John W. and Delia B. Fairbanks
31.	Charles Wiles	William and Mary Wiles



## MARRIAGES REGISTERED DURING 1907.

- Feb. 2. William Arthur Reed and Bertha Kenworthy of Dighton by Rev. J. S. Bridgeford.
- Mar. 6. Clifford F. Wheeler and Elinor B. Goff of Dighton by Rev. Abram L. Bean.
- Apr. 13. Eugene Perry of Dighton and May DeMello of Fall River by Rev. A. J. Saveira.
- Apr. 24. George Leo Paling of Dighton and Nellie J. Conaty of Taunton by Rev. Timothy P. Sweeney.
- May 12. Clarence Allen Chase of Dighton and Sarah Josephine Kelliher of Fall River, by Rev. Albert E. Legg.
- May 15. Antone Sylvia and Edith M. Richmond of Dighton, by Rev. George W. Smith.
- June 4. Albert Harvey Patterson of Dighton and May Pearl Davis of Taunton, by Rev. James A. Anderson.
- June 18. Joseph Michard of Fall River and Marie A. Dube of Dighton, by Rev. James W. Conlin.
- June 19. Edwin Stanford Ingalls of Taunton and Florence Ethel Anthony of Dighton, by Rev. J. S. Bridgeford.
- June 21. Walter Vernon Stead and Edith Alice Broadbent both of Dighton, by Rev. Martin T. Braley.
- June 22. Fred Augustus Fuller of Taunton, and Florence Eloda Pratt of Dighton, by Rev. Thomas W. Illman.
- July 3. George F. Kiley of Randolph, and Bertha M. Sherman of Dighton, by Rev. William T. Deasy.
- July 15. Manuel S. Medeiros of Dighton, and Marie B. de Oliveira of Fall River, by Rev. John Baptist de Valles.
- July 17. Joe Silva and Framcesca Sarmiento of Dighton, by Rev. M. A. Silva.
- Aug. 8. Norman Nicholas Crapo of Taunton, and Lucy Wheeler Standish of Dighton, by Rev. A. J. Rich.
- Aug. 18. Arthur P. Brown of Taunton, and Hope E. Coddington of Dighton, by Rev. Walter R. Bartlett.
- Sept. 11. William Jefferson Grant and Margaret Carberry of Dighton, by Rev. Edwin L. Gould.

- Oct. 9. James Robinson and Daisy B. Reichenbacher of Dighton, by Rev. A. J. Rich.
- Oct. 22. Ernest Charles Strait of Prentiss Vale, Pa. and Jean Murray McKinley of Dighton, by Chauncey H. Blodgett.
- Nov. 17. Harry E. Brown and Doretta Marsch of Dighton, by Rev. Martin T. Braley.
- Nov. 26. Alfred Williams of Taunton, and Eva M. Hinckley of Swansea, by Rev. Martin T. Braley.
- Nov. 26. Walter Carter of Taunton, and Ruth A. Sharples of Dighton, by Rev. Charles A. Meader.
- Nov. 27. Trenor F. Goodell of Mt. Holly, Vermont, and Marion J. Sears of Dighton, by Rev. Joseph E. Sears.
- Nov. 27. Albert W. Grant and Minnie D. Horton of Dighton, by Rev. E. Watson Goodier.
- Nov. 30. Henry P. Goff of Dighton, and Ella F. Manning of Somerset, by Rev. George B. Evans.
- Dec. 25. Frank Cash and Nellie Reardon of Dighton, by Rev. Robert Humphrey.

## DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1907.

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DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 29.	Ann Sharlack,	1	11		Convulsions.
31.	Gertrude May Francis Brailey,	13	5		Haemoptysis.
Feb. 7.	Harriet E. Mosher,	59	11	23	Arterio Sclerosis.
11.	Geneva Peck,	35	11	28	Tuberculosis.
14.	Albert W. Townsend	29	11	18	Phthisis Pulmonaris.
15.	Celinda C. Hunt,	82			Organic Heart Disease.
17.	Serophina Rodriguy		5		Convulsions.
23.	William Walker,	89	5	2	La Grippe.
Mar. 2.	Annie Eatache,		7		Meningitis.
9.	Rosalthe F. Bliss,	68	2	14	Bronchitis.
20.	James Griffin,	66			Pneumonia.
30.	James Sharlack,	37			P. Tuberculosis.
31.	James H. Horton,	69	6	21	Carcimonia Stomach.
Apr. 3.	Lydia Ann Walker,	67	11	17	Gastric Ulcer.
21.	William Pereira,	32			Accidental Poisoning
24.	Mary J. Andrade,	76			Endocarditis.
May 9.	Otis Mason Reed,	32	4	15	Typhoid Fever.
17.	Dorothy Andrews Wood	5	2	4	Gastric Ulcer.
24.	Lillian R. Whitters,	36	10	28	
31.	Nancy Watson,	93	5	11	Senility.
June 15.	Abbie A. H. Caswell,	75	7	15	Apoplexy.
21.	Still born				
July 10.	Benaiah Leonard Dean,	66	1		Cancer of Stomach.
12.	Manuel C. Gallante,		4		Broncho Pneumonia.
30.	Ann M. Squires,	75	5	17	Cancer of Face.
Aug. 7.	Gideon Bailey Walker,	69	5	1	Brights Disease.
29.	Marjorie C. Spooner,		10	9	Gastric Enteritis.
Sept. 19.	Elwin W. Ward,	50	3	19	Phthisis Pulmonatis.
26.	Still born,				

Oct.	2.	Pamelia P. Paul,	76	1	23	Old Age.
	3.	Tardy,				Inanition.
	5.	Marie S. Matoes,		6	26	Cerebral Meninigitis.
	17.	Michael Carberry,	69	5	10	Dililation of Heart.
	23.	Antone B. White,		6		Broncho Pneumonia.
	27.	Emerson Lincoln,	91	3	16	Old Age.
Nov.	14.	Bradford B. Lee,	74			Senility.
	15.	Maria George,	16	1		Peritonitis.
	23.	Still born,				
Dec.	7.	John Owen Trimble,	3	6	11	Meningitis.
	14.	Margaret L. Richmond	27			Phthisis Pulmonalis.
	14.	Herbert H. Murray,	55	8	7	Arterio Schrosis.
	19.	Jonathan A. Briggs,	84	4	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage.



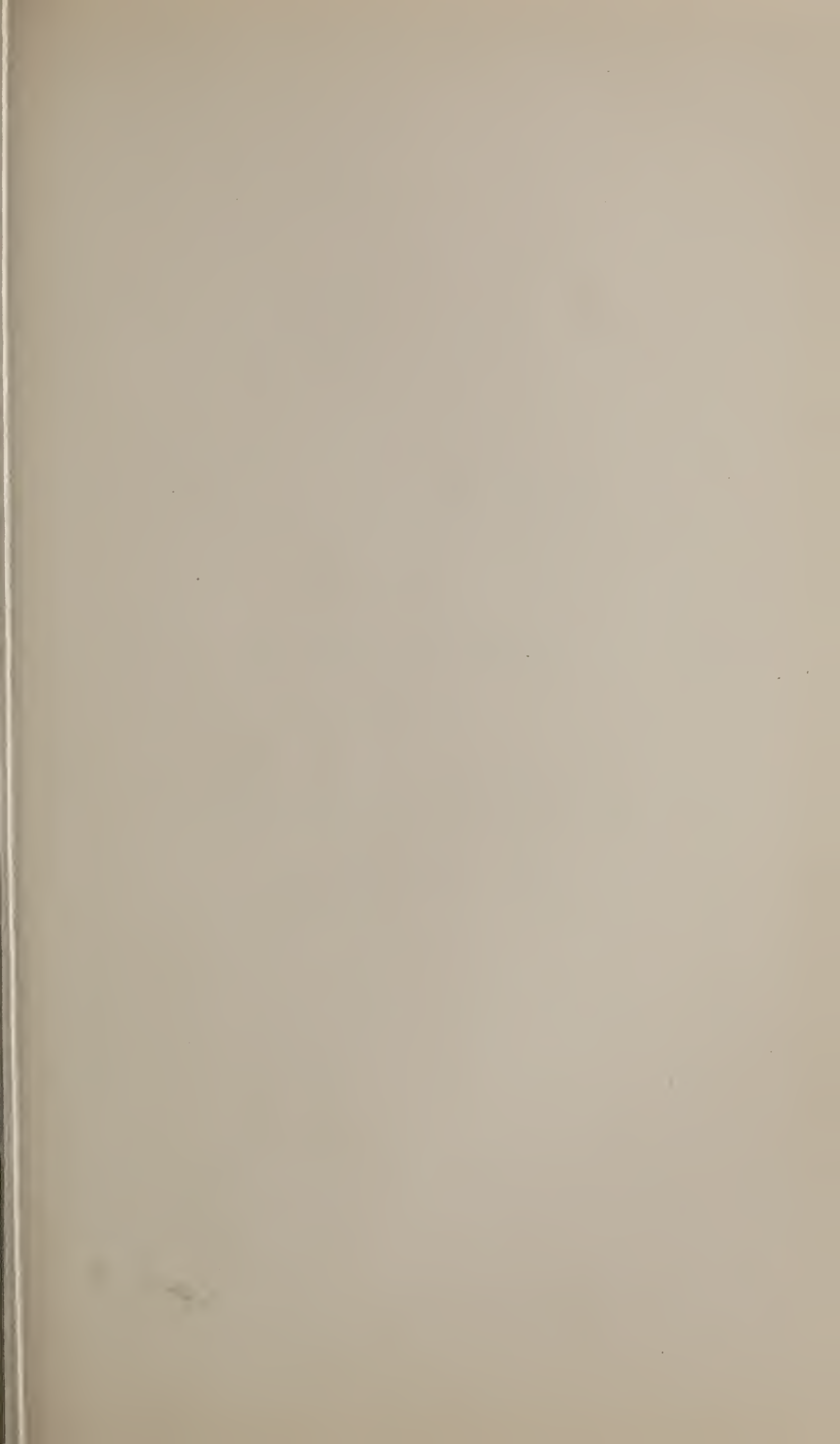
## DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1907.

OWNER'S NAMES.		OWNER'S NAMES.	
Marshall Walters	1	Walter F. Wheeler	1
Charles A. Chase	1	George Rubadon	1
O. F. Cash	1	Louis Carr	3
H. P. Hathaway	1	W. A. Eddy	1
Joseph W. Rose	1	George Paling	1
C. O. Gay	1	Seth McVicker	1
William J. Roberts	2	G. E. Hathaway	2
N. B. Horton	1	Emily E. Fraser	1
J. Emmons Briggs	1	Manuel Melos	1 fe.
John Doucette	1	E. D. Perry	1
Clifford Wheeler	1	J. B. Sayles	1
George Tweedy	1	Fred O. Walker	1
Isabel W. Snow	1	Antone Sylva	2
Frank Rose	1	L. Hathaway	1
H. C. Briggs	1	B. F. Hathaway	1
Almond Horton	1	Lester Briggs	1
E. P. Lincoln	1	Howard E. Wade	1
C. C. Marble	1	J. J. Davis	1
Charles S. Chase	1	Jessie E. Horton	1
Timothy Waterman	1	George O. Williams	1
J. Hall	1	H. L. Horton	1
Clara B. Waterman	1	A. W. Townsend	1
Joseph D. Rose	1	George E. Chase	1
William Tweedy	1	George Townsend	2
S. D. Nichols	1	Henry Potter	1 fe.
S. H. Wheldon	1	Antone Vera	1
J. T. Adams	1	Arthur F. Sprague	1 fe.
Fred N. Reed	1	William E. Davis	1 fe.
Lila Eddy	1	David Donaghy	1
Manuel F. Borges	1	Walter R. Bartlett	1
F. A. Whitmarah	1	C. W. Hayes	1 fe.
Frank Cash	1	John Whitehead	1
B. E. Rose	1 fe.	Fred Smith	1 fe.
A. T. Pierce	1	Patrick Brady	1
Diana I. Sherman	1	Mary Hennessy	1
Howard S. Wood	1	Charles B. Simmons	1

Fred White	1	John Barbarian	1
Thomas Moran	1	Charles Wyatt	1 fe.
Louis Fraser	1	Leon C. Lincoln	1
James Hennessy	1	Louis Hudro	1
Manuel D. Amarel	1	Manuel F. Rose	1
James Moore	1	Manuel G. Rose	1
Edw. E. Lincoln	1	Gaius Horton	1
Clothier Pierce	1	Manuel Enos	1
Albert W. Grant	1	A. T. Westcoat	2
J. W. Place	1	John Silva	1
E. A. M. Hathaway	1	Everett F. Horton	1
William Sankey	2	E. E. Horton	1
Joe Sankey	2	John Lassen	1
Pat Brady	1	E. E. Rose	1
L. E. White	1	Louis Hathaway	1
Antone Silvia	1 fe.	S. J. Eaton	1
Charles F. Gagnon	1	J. Mello	1
H. E. Brown	1	William H. Tomlinson	2
James H. Luther	1 fe.	G. A. Kazerjaunna	1
Mrs. John Thwaites	2	M. McNally	1
Harry Baxter Green	1 fe.	A. F. Simmons	1
Harry S. Bridgeford	1	Edw. Walker	1
Samuel Trimble	1	George A. White	1 fe.
John Mansfield	1	T. P. Williams	1
Henry Miller	1	Mary W. Green	1
James O'Brien	1	A. L. Young	1
Ella Waldron	1 fe.	D. D. Andrews	1
Charles A. Horton	1	Lyman Emerson	1
Harry Rose	1 fe.	William Cummings	1
B. I. Hathaway	1	L. E. Butler	1
A. I. Ballou	1	Mabel L. Haskins	1
Antone Reviska	1	A. E. Briggs	1
William O. Lee	1	G. M. Fassett	1
Manuel P. V. Marie	1	J. L. Boomer	1
Andrew Cramer	1	Arthur T. Brightman	1 m.
John Stanley	1	Arthur T. Brightman	1 fe.
James N. Horton	1	Herbert Baylies	1
Charles Lee	1	Albert L. Briggs	1
Antone Goulett	1	Edgar Essex	1
Frank Mendosa	1	Edmund Hathaway	1
Victor Sheaves	1 fe.	John Bogle	3
Manuel Catabra	1	J. G. Romero	2

Respectfully submitted,

DWIGHT F. LANE, Town Clerk.







VALUATION

AND

TAX LIST

OF THE

Town of Dighton,

For the Year 1907.



# Valuation and Tax List

OF THE

TOWN OF DIGHTON, MASS.

AS ASSESSED MAY 1, 1907.

NAME	Poll Tax	Personal Estate	Real Estate	Total Tax
Josephus P. Ashley		\$30	\$1350	\$21 81
Robert Allen	2		800	14 64
Robert E. Atwood	2		1890	31 86
Abby J. Atwood			200	3 16
Edward Almy	2	5150	5835	175 56
Merriom Amorrill	2		700	13 06
Herbert T. Atwood	2	75		3 18
Heirs of Cynthia Briggs			300	7 90
Heirs of George Briggs			205	3 24
Ira P. Briggs	2	60	2460	41 82
David H. and Walter W. Briggs			200	3 16
Heirs of Henry Briggs			1250	19 75
Everett H. Briggs	2	90		3 42
Sarah P. Briggs			250	3 95
Estate of Albert Briggs			2430	38 40
Sarah J. Briggs			150	2 37
Joseph E. Briggs and Albert S. Briggs			320	5 06
Joseph E. Briggs		130	3400	55 78
Franklin Briggs			1850	31 23
Elizabeth W. Briggs			1000	15 80
Estate of William Burnett		60	1425	23 47
Martha M. Babbitt		50	150	3 16
Albert L. Briggs	2	230	800	18 28

Hiram W. Briggs	2	80	705	14 41
Hiram W. Briggs and H. R. West			10	16
James B. Babbitt		105	1400	23 78
John L. Boomer	2			2 00
Anna J. Boomer			2650	41 87
Laura A. Briggs			2623	41 48
N. Wallace Babbitt	2	170	1850	33 92
Emerson H. Baylies	2		580	11 17
Frank A. D. Bullard	2	330	2680	49 57
Mary W. Briggs			2010	31 76
Fanny M. Babbitt			350	5 53
Estate of Rosaltha Bliss			325	5 14
Albert G. Bosworth	2	260		6 11
Emma J. Bosworth and Albert G. Bosworth			550	8 69
John O. Babbitt	2	100		3 58
Howard C. Briggs	2	420	700	19 70
Frederick Boothe	2		1400	24 12
Herbert L. Ballou	2			2 00
Celia G. Ballou		300		4 74
J. Harvey Briggs	2	50	1025	18 99
Patrick J. Brady	2		975	17 41
John Barbarian	2	120	1010	19 86
Herbert H. Baylies	2			2 00
James Baxter				2 00
Alice A. Bartlett and Madie Mears			3250	51 25
Ernest J. Bartlett	2	330		7 22
Harry S. Bridgeford	2			2 00
Helen D. Bridgeford			200	3 16
Henry E. Brown	2			2 00
Rev. Martin T. Braley	2			2 00
John Brady	2			2 00
John Bell	2			2 00
Whitman Chase		75		1 19
Samuel N. Coddington	2		1050	18 59



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Charles S. Chase	2	100	5620	92 38
Nathan O. Coddington	2			2 00
Harry C. Coddington	2			2 00
Anna M. Coddington			200	3 16
Ellen A. Coddington			1075	16 99
Wid. of Emery Crosby			1450	22 91
John W. Chadwick			1250	19 75
George W. Card	2	50		2 79
George A. Clark	2	85	1190	22 71
John E. Chandler		250	800	16 59
George W. Cobb	2			2 00
Anna J. Cobb			925	14 64
G. Arthur Cobb	2			2 00
Clara L. Cobb			175	2 77
Walter E. Chase	2		1400	24 12
William C. Coddington, Taunton			780	12 33
Ida V. Coddington, Taunton			300	4 74
Walter Childs	2	30	1900	32 50
George M. Chase	2		1075	18 99
Charles A. Chase	2		230	5 64
Manuel P. Combria	2	285	875	20 34
William F. Chase	2	140	985	19 79
Manuel E. Costa	2	75	1035	19 55
Ernest E. Chadwick	2			2 00
John J. Cardoso	2			2 00
Walter S. Congdon	2			2 00
Mary E. Congdon			1500	23 70
Manuel Cardosia	2			2 00
Nathaniel Collingford	2			2 00
Manuel Cabrall	2		175	4 77
Trustees of West Dighton Christian Church			100	1 58
Elsworth DeCosta	2			2 00
Manuel J. Cardoso		160	1650	28 60
Jesse J. Cardoso				

Manuel J. Cardoso	2			2 00
Jessse J. Cardoso	2			2 00
George W. Chaplin	2			2 00
Dighton Manufacturing Co.			18675	295 07
Jacob J. Davis	2	40	575	11 73
John F. Driscoll	2			2 00
Augustus F. Devere	2	70	500	11 01
Mary A. Dailey			500	7 90
Estate of Arthur F. Dunlap			1850	29 23
Beniah L. Dean		40	345	6 09
David Donaghy	2	110	875	17 57
Joseph Perry Dupont	2	230	1430	28 24
William E. Davis	2	80		3 27
Albert M. Davis	2			2 00
Joseph De Marr	2			2 00
John B. Doucett	2			2 00
Samuel W. Doughty	2			2 00
John Sylvia Dorga	2			2 00
Lyman J. Emerson	2	30		2 48
Samuel J. Eaton	2	297	1475	29 73
Forrest M. Eddy		30	250	4 43
Martha J. Essex			100	1 58
Edgar Essex	2		575	11 09
Estate of Samuel F. Eames			250	3 95
Thomas Ermoro	2	50		2 79
Charles H. Evans, Treas. of				
Trustees of M. E. Church, Taunton			800	12 64
Timothy Earley	2			2 00
George E. Francis		95	500	9 47
Adrienna French			195	3 13
Roland H. Farnham	2			2 00
Roland H. Farnham and				
Clara Farnham			975	15 41
Louis Frazure	2			2 00
John Fairbanks	2			2 00

Mary W. Greene		120	4185	68 02
Charles O. Gay	2	100	3130	53 04
George E. Gooding	2	105	3275	55 41
Albert N. Goff	2	125	130	6 04
Alfred N. Gay	2			2 00
Benjamin F. Goff	2	50	450	9 90
Henry N. Goff, minor			50	79
John T. Glynn	2	30	1300	23 02
Albert W. Grant	2		650	12 27
Joseph B. Grant	2			2 00
Antone Goulett	2	135	1875	33 77
Arthur H. Goff	2		1900	32 02
Homer B. Goff	2	18		2 29
George E. Goff	2			2 00
Albertis L. Goff	2			2 00
Ira B. Greene	2			2 00
Antone Grassie	2			2 00
Harriet A. Gooding			150	2 37
Estate of Leonard Horton			175	2 77
E. A. M. Hathaway	2	636	2755	55 69
Henry W. Horton	2	1045	2220	53 59
Estate of James H. Horton		90	1742	30 54
Gaius E. Horton	2	730	1425	36 06
Mary E. Hathaway		100	875	15 41
Rufus P. Horton	2	310	3105	55 96
Nathan B. Horton	2	435	2200	43 64
Estate of Josiah L. Horton			2140	33 82
Charles A. Horton	2	1170	1300	41 03
Albert and J. N. Horton			100	1 58
Charles A. Horton and G. H. Goff			75	1 19
James N. Horton	2	500		9 90
L. Jennie Hathaway		170	450	9 80
Herbert H. Horton	2	155	830	17 59
Oren N. Horton	2		240	5 79
James Hennessy	2	430	2900	54 62

Lawrence Hennessy	2		1400	24 12
Lydia F. Horr			575	9 09
George F. Hathaway	2	75	1075	20 18
Arthur A. Hathaway			800	12 64
William W. Hamilton	2			2 00
Lester T. Hathaway	2	145	500	12 64
George T. Horton	2	30	750	14 33
J. Albert Hayes	2			2 00
Benjamin I. Hathaway	2	205	965	20 49
Irving G. Horton	2			2 00
Charles W. Hayes	2	200	200	8 32
James Hamilton	2			2 00
George H. Horton, Seekonk			1395	22 11
George E. Hathaway	2			2 00
Harry C. Hathaway	2			2 00
Louis B. Hathaway	2			2 00
Howard A. and Irving G. Horton			400	6 32
Howard A. Horton	2			2 00
Edward E. Horton	2			2 00
Everett F. Horton	2	30		2 48
Charles L. Horton	2			2 00
Louis Hudro	2	225	2475	44 67
Edward C. Hall	2		795	14 63
James Houstan	2			2 00
Martha M. Houstan		100	2175	35 93
Rev. Robert Humphrey	2			2 00
George Hutchinson	2			2 00
John Holt	2			2 00
Philip Hornsbee	2			2 00
George Hammett	2			2 00
Irene L. Jones			300	4 74
Livonia King		30	175	3 25
Edward P. King	2			2 00
John Kenyon	2			2 00



Arthur A. Kingsley		40	64
Robert S. Kay	2		2 00
Garab W. Kayerjanian and Luke Kasparian	185	1400	25 04
Garab W. Kayerjanian	2		2 00
Luke Kasparian	2		2 00
Preston L. Kent	2		2 00
Andrew Kreamereo	2	80	525 11 57
James Kenworthy	2		2 00
William B. Kay	2	205	825 18 28
Mary M. Leonard		650	10 27
Charles S. Leonard	2		2 00
Nathaniel R. Lincoln	2	1400	24 12
Estate of A. Jennette Luther		1130	17 86
Wid. of James M. Lincoln		1675	26 47
L. Lincoln and Co.	17950		283 61
Edward Lincoln	2		2 00
Anna L. Lincoln		2320	36 66
Edward Lincoln, treas. of Christian Society		500	7 90
Emerson Lincoln		1200	18 96
James H. Luther		80 135	3 40
Charles E. Lincoln	2	200	1225 24 52
E. Elsworth Lincoln	2		2020 33 92
Dwight F. Lane	2	200	2525 45 06
Henry C. L. Lincoln	2		1450 24 91
Theodore W. Leonard	2		2 00
Charles H. Leonard	2		2 00
William Langworthy	2	30	930 17 18
Henry H. Lincoln	2		1025 18 20
John A. Lewis	2		2 00
Charles Lingreen	2		2 00
Thomas Moran	2	68	605 12 64
Matthew McNally	2	175	1450 27 68
Estate of Owen McCabe		1375	21 73

Sylvia P. Marston and Viola G. Marston			350	5 53
Patrick McLaughlin	2		700	13 70
Charles C. Marble	2	1440	2400	62 72
William S. Mansfield	2			2 00
William J. Mansfield	2			2 00
John W. Mansfield	2			2 00
Daniel T. Mansfield	2			2 00
James E. McCabe	2			2 00
Louis O. Martin	2	65	1350	24 36
John Murray	2			2 00
Edward Murray	2			2 00
Martin Maker	2			2 00
Henry Miller	2			2 00
William E. May	2		1375	23 73
Charles J. Marsh	2			2 00
Mt. Hope Finishing Co.		104000	46000	2370 00
Mary McNally			825	13 04
Isaac Mairs	2			2 00
Edward J. Moran	2			2 00
John Mills	2			2 00
James Morrey	2			2 00
Richard McLaughlin	2			2 00
Thomas F. Mackey	2			2 00
Peter C. Mackey	2			2 00
William Maguire	2			2 00
William Marston	2			2 00
Albert Noeltie	2			2 00
Annie C. Negus		80	1900	31 29
Frank Noeltie	2			2 00
Charles Noeltie	2			2 00
John O'Connor	2	140	1690	30 93
Daniel O'Connor	2			2 00
Daniel O'Brien	2	70	1005	18 99
James O'Brien	2			2 00

William O'Connell	2		1100	19 38
Odd Fellows Building				
Association, Albert N. Goff, Trustee			1500	23 70
Heirs of Henry Pitts			400	6 32
Abigail B. Phillips			1200	18 96
Dexter T. Pierce	2		2750	45 45
Leonard T. Pierce			550	8 69
John M. Perry	2			2 00
Margaret Perry			1050	16 59
Walter J. Perry	2			2 00
Job W. Perry	2			2 00
Mary E. Perry		100		1 58
Charles C. Perry	2			2 00
Clifford O. Perry	2			2 00
James N. Paul	2	880	6605	120 27
William T. Place	2	140	1750	31 87
Alfred W. Perry	2			2 00
Mary W. Perry			505	7 98
George H. Paling	2			2 00
George I. Potter	2	280		6 43
Alonzo S. Palmer	2			2 00
Leonard G. Perry	2		925	16 62
Leland C. Pierce	2			2 00
Arthur T. Pierce	2	450	1200	28 07
Edward E. Peck	2			2 00
Nathan Pierce	2	25		2 40
Harold Pierce	2			2 00
Charles Perry	2			2 00
Robert Phillips	2			2 00
Hartey Pellen	2			2 00
Mary A. Parkinson, Pawtucket		105	1075	18 65
Nancy T. Rose			1330	21 02
Elizabeth A. Rose			110	1 74
Edward T. Rose	2	80	925	17 89
Charles A. Reed	2	60	1070	19 86

George A. Read	2		1300	22 54
William Ryan	2		3100	50 98
Willard J. Reed	2		1125	19 78
Eugene F. Rose	2	100	275	5 93
George W. Rose	2			2 00
William J. Roberts	2	30	655	12 83
Frederick N. Reed	2	140	1600	29 46
Joshua T. W. Reed	2	325	3250	58 49
Thomas Rogers	2		800	14 64
Manuel F. Rose	2	210	1250	25 07
William B. Reed	2	320		7 06
Betsey J. Reed			1000	15 80
Arthur Reid	2			2 00
Sarah Rankin			525	8 30
Herne Rose	2			2 00
Antone Reteshee	2			2 00
Joe Reases	2			2 00
Harry Rose	2			2 00
Richard Roe	2			2 00
Fred W. Rune	2			2 00
Manuel S. Rose	2	30	1600	27 76
Matthew Simmons			575	9 09
James O. Simmons	2	150	2000	35 97
Edward Siddall	2			2 00
Ruth M. Siddall			800	12 64
Estate of Alexander M. Swift			800	12 64
Mrs. Edith Standish			4660	73 63
Dennis Sullivan	2	80	900	17 49
John E. Sullivan	2			2 00
Daniel F. Sullivan	2			2 00
Provost Scott	2			2 00
Henry B. Seekell	2		1350	23 33
William Shaw	2		850	15 43
Martha L. Smith			350	5 53
A. J. W. Smith		130	1450	24 97



John Sylvia	2			2 00
Charles G. Staples	2	160	1350	25 86
William Sankey, Jr. and Joseph Sankey			1900	30 02
William Sankey, Jr.	2			2 00
Joseph Sankey	2			2 00
John P. Sylvia	2		700	13 06
Albert E. Smith	2	2000		17 80
George A. Staples	2			2 00
John Stanley	2			2 00
James Stuttard	2		1375	23 73
Marea L. Sylvia			1250	19 75
Walter J. Stead	2			2 00
Charles H. Smith	2			2 00
Mary E. Smith			375	5 93
Charles H. Snow	2			2 00
Frederick W. Smith	2			2 00
David F. Smith	2		1715	29 10
Ralph Smith, minor			120	1 90
George W. Sanders	2			2 00
Thomas Seymour	2			2 00
William Sankey	2			2 00
Estate of Maria Trafton			175	2 77
Estate of Fanny W. Townsend			90	1 43
Charlotte A. Talbot			1875	29 63
John H. Thornley	2			2 00
Frank E. Tinkham	2	100		3 58
Cynthia E. Tinkham			1030	16 28
William Wood and Josephine Thaxter			900	14 22
William T. Tweedy	2	50		2 79
John Tavis	2	115	1500	27 52
Ralph Thornley	2			2 00
Walter C. Talbot	2	255	1080	23 10
John Thwaites	2	75	5300	86 93
Samuel Trimble	2			2 00

George H. Townsend	2	135	3200	54 70
George Tweedy	2		1675	28 47
Ernest Tweedy	2			2 00
Antone Veria	2	110	1075	20 73
Estate of Henry A. Williams				
Philaney O. Waterman			575	9 09
N. A. and Peleg F. Walker			4190	66 20
Nehemiah A. Walker	2	320	540	15 60
Peleg F. Walker, Providence			1050	16 59
Sarah M. Waldron			400	6 32
Timothy Waterman	2	70	1225	22 47
Daniel H. Waldron	2	820	2470	53 99
Mary A. Waldron			635	10 04
Otis N. Walker	2	90	750	15 27
Charles H. Walker		135		2 14
Otis N. Walker and James O. Walker			550	8 69
Leroy J. Wade	2	20	1335	23 42
Daniel B. Williams	2	485	2805	53 99
George O. Williams	2	435	1845	38 03
William H. Walker	2	180	7025	115 85
William R. Wheeler	2	495	1280	30 06
Ervilla White			1200	18 96
Alfred L. White	2			2 00
Ella L. Waldron			700	11 06
Gideon B. Walker	2		1770	29 79
Nathan O. Walker	2	85	700	12 41
Eliza J. Walker			900	14 22
Daniel T. Wood	2		1300	22 54
Walter F. Wheeler	2	75	1000	18 99
Albert F. Wheeler	2			2 00
Clarence W. Waldron	2		655	12 35
John Walton			375	5 93
Clifford F. Wheeler	2			2 00
Elijah E. Walker	2	220	2010	37 24
John A. Williams	2	270		6 27

Anna E. Williams			3880	61 31
Louis M. White	2	1520	3350	78 95
George H. Walker	2	85		3 35
James O. Walker	2		1050	18 59
Fred W. Wessell	2			2 00
D. Thurber Wood, Jr.	2	215	2595	46 40
Thomas P. Williams	2			2 00
Harry R. Wastcoat	2			2 00
Alvin T. Wastcoat	2	25	675	13 07
William Y. Wilcox	2			2 00
Ida M. Wilcox			2175	34 85
Francis Waldron	2		975	17 41
Arthur F. Whalen	2			2 00
Jacob Wolfe	2			2 00
Gilbert F. Wolfe	2			2 00
Ernest O. Wade	2	20	825	15 36
William E. Walker	2	355	1425	30 13
Henry E. Williams	2	50	840	16 07
Henry E. and A. F. Williams			750	11 85
Earnest H. Waldron			1920	30 34
Waldron place			2300	28 44
Elvira N. Thacker				
Georgianna Leonard				
Augusta M. Waldron, exempt		500		
Estella Kingsley, exempt		207		
Ella L. Waldron				
Darius E. White	2			2 00
Howard E. Wade	2			2 00
Louis A. Wade	2			2 00
William Watson	2			2 00
Charles A. Whyatt	2			2 00
Roga A. Whyatt			460	8 22
Herbert O. Whyatt	2			2 00
Leroy J. Wade, Treas. of Cong. Society			825	13 04

Charles H. Whitaker	2	100	3 58
Sylvester F. White	2	25	2 40
John Walts	2		2 00
Lawrence Willey	2		2 00
John Whitehead	2		2 00
Charles E. Wastcoat	2		2 00
Manuel White	2		2 00
Leonard I. Young, Treas. of Baptist Society		1500	23 70
Albert L. Young	2	1030	18 28

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Clarence C. Andrews	2	1190	20 81
Daniel D. Andrews	2	2400	3700 98 38
J. Willis Andrews	2	85	3 34
Earl S. Ashley, Taunton		523	8 27
Frederick A. Allen	2	1000	1450 40 74
John T. Adams	2	140	1400 26 34
Lewis E. Allen	2		2 00
Eugene A. Austin	2		2 00
James S. Arnold	2		2 00
Manuel Arremda	2		2 00
Hiram N. Bowen	2	975	17 41
Mrs. Anna Lasson		1430	22 60
Ada Briggs, exempt	500		
Lena Briggs, exempt	500		
Capt. William Blake		150	525 10 67
Wid. Hannah Blake		300	4 74
William B. Blake	2		2 00
Rhoda W. Blake		500	7 90
Herbert A. Briggs	2	1450	2500 64 41
Dr. H. B. Baker	2	340	7 38
Nellie C. Baker		6100	96 38
Joseph R. Brightman		1950	30 81



Milton I. Brightman			1000	15 80
William T. Brightman	2			2 00
Arthur T. Brightman	2			2 00
Estate of David H. Bosworth			1285	20 30
Manuel F. Borgies	2	200	1740	32 66
Manuel S. Borgies	2	30	650	12 75
James F. Briggs	2		1975	33 21
Roland G. Briggs	2	100	2150	37 55
Charles R. Briggs	2			2 00
George W. Briggs	2		1200	20 96
John P. Briggs	2	300	1750	34 39
Estate of John A. Briggs			975	15 41
A. Ellery Briggs	2	310	3250	58 25
Walter H. Blake	2		1025	18 20
Norman S. Bowen	2			2 00
John Boyle	2			2 00
Dr. Lester E. Butler	2	140		4 22
Edward Barlow	2			2 00
Alanson Battles	2			2 00
James Byrum	2			2 00
Rev. Walter B. Bartlett	2			2 00
Adolph Bakaceh	2			2 00
David W. Chase	2			2 00
George E. Cole	2			2 00
Joseph R. Cabrall	2			2 00
Heirs of John B. Chace			60	95
Heirs of Noah Chace			2520	39 82
Lewis H. Carr	2	170	840	17 96
Hiram S. Crowell			1350	21 33
Charles W. Chace	2			2 00
Oren T. Cash	2		1025	18 20
Charles W. Cole	2		1750	29 65
Abbey E. Caswell			150	2 37
Anchor Color and Gum				
Works Co., Arnold Hoffman	13000		33700	737 86

Charles E. Carr	2	200	3565	61 49
Frank Perry Cardosa	2	105	590	12 98
Frank P. Combra	2	230	1340	26 82
Joe Costa	2	60	500	10 85
Victor Cheaves	2	335	1300	27 84
George E. Chace	2			2 00
Manuel Grassie				
Carachalta	2	100	2400	41 50
Joe Cambria	2		700	13 06
Antone Costa	2			2 00
Edwin F. Cobb	2	100		3 58
Clarence E. Chace	2			2 00
Oliver N. Cole	2			2 00
Manuel P. Cardosa	2			2 00
Joe Corral	2			2 00
Antone Costa	2		1000	17 80
Jesse Rodrick Cabral	2	390	1325	29 11
Merion Rodrick Cabral	2	115		3 82
John Costa	2			2 00
John Costa, 2nd	2			2 00
C. A. Chace	2			2 00
St. Peter's Church, Treas.			550	8 69
Frank R. Childs	2			2 00
William Cummings	2			2 00
Manuel Cabral	2			2 00
Manuel H. Dutra	2	40	1050	19 23
Sarga Dutra	2	240	1180	24 44
Allen Davis, Boston			400	6 32
Dighton Stove Lining Co.		5125	12900	284 80
Antone Dutra	2	120	1700	30 76
Dighton Rock Park,				
Old Colony St. Railway Co.		2500	20150	357 87
Antone A. Perry and				
Antone F. Dutra			1250	19 75
Antone F. Dutra	2			2 00

Albert W. Emery	2	100		3 58
John W. Earle	2	1555	7895	151 31
Ralph Earle	2	575		11 09
William A. Eddy	2	75		3 19
William P. Eddy	2			2 00
Leilla C. Eddy		310	3975	70 87
Manuel Enos	2	100	950	18 68
Charles E. Estabrooks	2			2 00
Joseph D. Escubor	2	30	550	11 17
Wanton A. Eddy			900	16 22
Manuel Enos	2			2 00
George E. Francis, 2nd	2			2 00
Maud E. Francis			1475	23 31
Jacob E. Flye	2			2 00
John Frates	2		400	6 32
Henry R. Fuller	2			2 00
John Fustina	2			2 00
G. M. Fassett	2			2 00
John F. Fariel	2			2 00
Shubael F. Goff	2			2 00
Mary E. Goff			500	7 90
Manuel S. Grassie	2	138	950	19 20
Phebe Gough			2300	36 34
William H. Gardner	2		450	9 11
Carl P. Gorden	2	105	900	17 88
Manuel George	2	90	800	16 06
Joe Grassie	2			2 00
William J. Grant				2 00
Frank H. Grant	2			2 00
Charles F. Gagnon	2	60		2 95
William Souza Goulett	2			2 00
Manuel Getton		110		1 74
Edmund Hathaway	2	275	4110	71 29
Howard P. Hathaway	2	45	1600	28 00
Daniel H. Horton	2	120	3050	52 09

Henry F. Horton	2	250		5 95
Emma Horton			5685	89 83
John Hayes	2			2 00
Jarvis B. Horton	2		1500	25 70
Almond B. Horton	2	110		3 74
Lorenzo H. Haskins	2			2 00
Eugene B. Haskins	2			2 00
Edward B. Haskins	2			2 00
Eugene B. and Edward B. Haskins			550	8 65
Herbert L. Horton	2	355	1475	30 92
Ralph Horton			75	1 19
George L. Horton	2	610		11 64
Blanche Horton			1925	30 42
Henry S. Hathaway	2			2 00
George Hammett	2			2 00
Loretta Ingalls			900	14 22
Henry B. Jones			500	7 90
Henry W. Jones	2	180		4 85
Jack Joseph	2		100	3 58
Clara King			375	5 73
Estate of Nancy Lewis			700	11 06
John F. Lasson	2			2 00
Estate of Capt. Allen Luther			1250	19 75
Edward P. Lincoln		140	700	13 28
Edward P. Lewis	2			2 00
Henry A. Luther	2			2 00
William H. Lee	2			2 00
William O. Lee	2	115	2875	49 25
Manuel Lopez	2			2 00
Charles B. Lee	2			2 00
Sophia Macker			1395	21 73
William H. Macker			200	3 16
Seth T. Vicker	2	40		2 64
Hannah Vicker			875	13 83
Fred Millard	2	195	1525	29 19



Roza Marshall			275	4 35
Patrick McManus	2			2 00
Joe Varian Monterios	2		600	11 48
Manuel P. V. Mourie	2	210	1400	27 44
Antone P. V. Mourie	2	155	780	16 78
Manuel S. Meduros	2		725	13 46
Herbert H. Murray	2			2 00
Joseph R. Milliken	2	80	25	3 67
Frank C. Mellow	2			2 00
Joseph P. Mellow	2	455	2270	45 06
Wiliam Marshall	2			2 00
Manuel Mellow	2			2 00
Joe Sylvia Mottoes	2			2 00
Manuel P. Frank, Somerset			125	1 98
Frank Mendoza, Jr.	2			2 00
John A. Negus	2			2 00
Abbey J. Negus			575	9 09
Simeon D. Nickols	2	1560	985	42 22
William Norris	2			2 00
Lorenzo O. Nixon	2	220	1400	27 60
Eugene Oliver	2		850	15 43
Patrick O'Connor	2	265	3025	53 99
Joe Oliver	2			2 00
Heirs of David Perry			155	2 45
Charles and Clothier Pierce			785	12 41
Clothier Pierce	2	250	2525	45 85
George H. Phillips	2	300	975	22 15
Edward D. Perry	2	400	1125	26 10
Lewis E. Perry	2			2 00
Edward D. Perry				
Amanda J. Waldron			1665	26 31
Amanda Perry			850	13 43
Amanda J. Perry				
Anna J. Waldron			1950	30 81
Hiram O. Palmer	2	325	2225	42 30

Estate of Emily Palmer			625	9 88
Joseph S. Pitts	2	180	3150	52 62
Josiah S. Place	2	560	3260	93 96
Antone D. Parrah	2	50	1200	21 75
Manuel D. Perry	2	60	650	13 22
Elisha K. Paull			1425	22 52
Antone Perry	2		600	11 48
Manuel Pecherque	2			2 00
Antone Prieito	2			2 00
Antone A. Perry	2	30		2 48
George A. Richmond	2			2 00
Franklin Richmond	2			2 00
Estate of James Richmond			900	14 22
Joseph W. Rose	2	1600	4108	92 19
Joseph De Rosa	2	361	3200	58 26
Joseph T. De Rosa	2			2 00
Frank Rogers	2			2 00
Antone Rogers	2			2 00
Joe Rogers	2			2 00
Julius G. Romero	2	225	2550	45 85
Joe S. Rapheal	2			2 00
Joe Rose	2			2 00
Rev. A. J. Rich	2			2 00
Frank Rose	2			2 00
John Rogers				2 00
Manuel Rodriques	2	130	950	19 07
John F. Rose	2			2 00
Estate of Oliver P. Simmons		50	5250	83 74
Frank Perry Suite	2	230	1950	36 49
Estate of John Scott			500	7 90
Manuel F. Sylvia	2	240	875	19 63
Albert A. Simmons	2	80	2025	35 27
Estate of Mary Sullings			900	14 22
Joseph E. Sears	2	365	3395	61 10
Sarah R. Sears			15	24

Andrew B. Simmons	2		100	3 58
David S. Smith			725	13 46
Estate of Charles N. Simmons		280	11340	183 61
Charles G. Simmons	2			2 00
Albertus Simmons	2			2 00
Charles Simmons, Trustee of Baptist Society			75	1 19
Joseph B. Sayles	2	130	2500	43 56
Alfred E. Sherman	2		325	7 14
Frederick J. Swan	2			2 00
James N. Smith	2	750	3500	69 15
Manuel White Sylvia	2			2 00
Charles H. Smith	2	4100	4730	141 52
Joe Enos Souza	2	195	350	9 83
Manuel E. Souza	2	30	800	15 12
Nathan E. Simmons, Connecticut			850	13 43
Joseph Swasey	2		525	10 30
Antone Swasey	2		200	5 16
Albert F. Sprague	2			2 00
Antone Sylvia	2	140		4 22
Joe Perry Suite	2	80	1100	20 65
Chester Shaw	2			2 00
Frank B. Souza	2			2 00
John Sears	2	20	600	11 80
Joe Sylvia	2			2 00
Franklin B. Simmons		20	250	3 95
Elmer Shove	2			2 00
Antone Sylvia	2			2 00
Estate of Cyrus Talbot			405	6 40
Frederick W. Talbot	2	350	425	8 72
James A. Talbot	2	140	1540	28 56
J. Chester Talbot	2	150	1150	22 54
Charles H. Talbot		205	3525	60 94
Estate of Charles W. Turner			4960	78 37
Andrew Turner	2	1480	1470	48 62

James G. Tompkins	2	465	2995	53 21
Heirs of Hannah Talbot			325	5 14
Joe Cabral Tories and Manuel Simmons			1100	17 38
Joe Cabral Tories	2			2 00
Manuel Simmons	2			2 00
Rev. John Thompson			1775	28 05
Otto Cram, Philadelphia		500		7 90
Anna A. Tinkham			200	3 16
Estate of Edward R. Talbot			2835	44 80
Robert R. Vance	2		4400	71 52
Whitefield Vincent	2			2 00
William Z. Whitmarsh	2	100	1700	30 44
Estate of William B. Whitmarsh			1000	15 80
Marshall Waters	2		925	16 62
Forest A. Whitmarsh	2	855	5195	97 76
Estate of Nancy Whitmarsh			3150	49 97
Susie V. Whitmarsh			1840	29 08
Robert W. Whitmarsh	2		3300	57 30
Ferdinand Waldron	2			2 00
Anna J. Waldron			25	40
Pedo Baptist Cong. Society			3740	59 10
George A. White	2			2 00
Howard S. Wood		190	2375	40 34
Herbert N. Walker	2	90	100	5 08
Elizabeth Walker		75		1 19
Nathan H. Walker	2	55	350	8 40
Frederick J. Walker	2			2 00
Joe White	2			2 00
William Z. Whitmarsh, Treas. of Proprietors of Cemetery			181	2 87
Heirs of Mary Ware			75	1 19
Capt. Jos. H. Whelden	2		1225	21 30
Obed P. Watson	2			2 00
Edward A. Watson	2			2 00
Estate of William Walker		50	2250	36 34



Estate of Thomas B. Witherell		3265	51 59
William Wood,	2		2 00
Joseph Wood,	2	30	2 48
John Wood	2		2 00
John and Joseph Wood		900	14 22

## NON-RESIDENTS.

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Names.	Residence.	Real.	Tax
Eagle Stove Foundry	Fall River	\$1800	\$28 44
Joseph Carpenter	"	500	7 90
J. L. Potter	"	1400	22 12
Horridge D. and John D. Barry	"	100	1 58
Manuel Wat Sylvia	"	200	3 16
George W. Hart	Taunton	150	2 37
John T. Wade	"	775	12 25
J. Modicah Lincoln	"	700	11 06
Estate of William J. Walker	"	150	2 37
John E. Blake	"	20	32
Estate of William Reed	"	20	32
William E. Walker	"	60	95
Horatio Godfrey	"	320	5 06
Mrs. H. B. Lothrop	"	125	1 98
Hope Pierce	"	25	40
Edgar E. Westcoat	"	200	3 16
Heirs of Lyman Briggs	"	1075	16 99
Phillip E. Crane	"	110	1 74
Albert F. Gulliver	"	75	1 19
Estate of Jacob H. Horton	"	225	3 56
William L. Walker	"	515	8 34
Heirs of Abraham Briggs	"	1325	20 94

Heirs of Josiah T. Lincoln	Taunton	60	95
Heirs of Gilbert W. Strange	"	50	79
J. M. and C. H. Evans	"	200	3 16
Heirs of Hiram Baker	"	60	95
George W. Hart	"	100	1 58
Heirs of Alexander H. Williams	"	640	10 12
Erastus M. Walker	"	15	24
Lucretia Ashley	"	250	3 95
Otis A. Thayer	"	140	2 22
Thomas Brown	"	200	3 16
Mrs. Herbert T. Washburn	"	50	79
Charles E. Mason and Cora Mason	"	1700	26 86
Eliza Crowell	"	150	2 37
Herculo Milo	"	200	3 16
Theodore Marvel	"	75	1 19
George A. Crane	"	200	3 16
Taunton Boat Club	"	2850	45 03
Patrick Hennessy	"	275	4 35
John H. Wheeler	"	105	1 66
Hannah C. Haskins	"	40	69
Mechanics Co-operative Bank	"	600	9 48
Estate of George D. Elms	"	400	6 32
George E. Wilbar	"	1730	27 34
Stiles and Hart Company	"	1050	16 59
Edwin B. Bartlett	Portsmouth, N. H.	4275	67 59
Patrick Barry	Attleboro	900	14 22
Homer E. Whitmarsh	Amherst	170	2 69
Rosa D. Whitmarsh	"	1250	19 75
Nathaniel H. Rose	Taunton	60	95
Clifford M. Goff	Rehoboth	545	8 62
Francis J. Wheeler	"	1345	21 26
Edward F. Henry C. and Elkanah Wheeler	"	200	3 16
Edward F. Wheeler	"	620	9 78

Heirs of George E. Goff	"	150	2 37
George F. Parker	"	60	95
Estate of George H. Goff	"	1545	24 42
William B. H. Horton	"	90	1 43
Susannah S. Pierce	"	20	32
Estate of Frederick E. Francis	"	370	5 85
David W. Francis	"	1710	27 02
David W. Francis and Oliver H. Earl	"	100	1 58
David W. Francis and F. J. Wheeler	"	420	6 64
Estate of Nathaniel Horton	"	50	79
Arthur F. Rose	"	100	1 58
Horace R. West	"	735	11 62
Edward F. Wheeler and Frederick E. Francis	"	150	2 37
E. Emma Emerson	Pawtucket, R. I.	860	13 59
Old Colony St. Railway Co.	Boston	60	95
Heirs of Morris Quirk	Somerset	75	1 19
Heirs of John A. Burgess	"	350	5 53
Leonard P. Chase	"	500	7 90
Thomas Dean	"	30	48
Jonathan S. Buffington	"	190	3 01
George Babbitt	"	700	11 06
Daniel C. Babbitt	"	200	3 16
Heirs of Obediah Buffington	"	145	2 30
Benjamin H. Carr	"	1200	18 96
Lewis B. Coddington	Bridgewater	1875	29 63
Heirs of Sarah B. Simmons	Brockton	350	5 53
Leroy J. Chace	Swansea	700	11 06
John E. Chace	"	100	1 58
Andrew J. Chace	"	420	6 64
Heirs of Abby E. Williams	"	100	1 58
Elijah P. Chace	"	1200	18 96
A. A. Case	"	25	40

Mrs. Daniel Wilbur	Swansea	1750	27 65
Heirs of Eben Eddy	"	700	11 06
Andrew T. Peirce	"	125	1 98
Antone Perry	"	35	56
George R. Fearing	Newport, R. I.	200	3 16
William F. Wheaton	E. Providence, R. I.	30	48
Henry J. Spooner	Providence, R. I.	4250	67 15
Otis H. Kelton	"	125	1 98
Thomas A. Briggs	"	130	2 37
Sophia Brown	"	3575	56 49
Heirs of Anthony Chace	"	400	6 32
Estate of Barzilla Crane	Berkley	1400	22 12
Heirs of Walter D. Nichols	"	20	32
Bowker Fertilizer Co.	Boston	325	5 14
Ethel Niccol	New York City	3000	47 40
Emily E. Frazure	"	2550	40 29
Clothier Edminister	Freetown	100	1 58
William Clark Jr.	Providence, R. I.	950	15 01
Old Colony Railroad Co.	Boston	3250	51 35
Heirs of John Gilmore	Raynham	75	1 19
Mrs. Alfred W. Reed	New Boston, N. H.	125	1 98
Estate of J. B. Reed	" "	60	95
Estate of Sarah L. Godfrey	Fort Payne, Ill.	120	1 90
Heirs of Milton S. Reed	Seekonk	100	1 58
Mary A. Talbot	Lynn	225	3 56
Estate of Allan A. Monroe	Buffalo, N. Y.	2300	36 34
Mrs. George Barney	New Bedford	1150	18 17
Charles Pierce	Dartmouth	275	4 35
Estate of Frederick Brown	Providence, R. I.	300	4 74
Frank B. Simmons	New York	300	4 74
Albert Hardy	Taunton	100	1 58
Sylvanus J. Chace	Swansea	625	9 88
Frank Brazill	"	100	1 58
William Chace	"	600	9 48
William Hodgason	"	125	1 98



Estate of Stephen Eddy	Taunton	100	1 58
Alden B. Gooding	Lewis Centre, Ohio	90	1 42
George R. Bullock and Abby E. Slater	Attleboro	51	79
Edmund H. Baker	Springfield	2295	36 26
Edward F. Olney	Rehoboth	100	1 58
Heirs of Lyman Slade	Somerset	150	2 37
George D. Chace	Orono, Me.	3064	48 43
Owner unknown, Poole Wood Land		50	79
Fred Joy	Boston	165	2 61

## Electric Railway Tax.

FOR 1907.

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The Old Colony Street Electric Railway Company excise tax for the road on the public highway for the year ending Sept. 30, 1907, at  $2\frac{1}{4}$  per cent on gross receipts. \$1284 27

## TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

May 1, 1907.

Value of Personal Estate		\$208,228
Real Estate		
Buildings	\$502,372	
Land	307,842	
	<hr/>	810,214
Total Valuation		<hr/> \$1,018,442
State Tax	\$1,160 00	
State Highway Tax	23 74	
County Tax	1,405 07	
Town Tax	15,230 00	
Overlayings	145 72	
	<hr/>	\$17,966 53
Deduct Corporation and Bank Tax		822 36
		<hr/>
Tax		\$17,144 17
Rate per cent on \$1000		\$15 80
Number of Polls		521
Dwelling Houses		477
Horses		313
Cows		410
Neat Cattle other than Cows		78
Swine		16
Sheep		25
Fowls		2935
Residents on Property		4 78
Non-residents		1 34
Poll Tax only		2 52
Acres of Land		12,996
Amount of tax exempted to Soldiers and Sailors and Soldiers widows of the war of the Rebellion under Act of the Legislature of 1906, Chap. 315.		\$346 09

GEORGE E. GOODING,

Chairman of the Assessors of Dighton.







ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF  
DIGHTON, MASS.,

For the Year 1907.



TAUNTON, MASS.:  
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1908.

## School Committee.

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		TERM EXPIRES.
Samuel N. Coddington,	No. Dighton,	1910
George H. Walker,	Dighton,	1910
E. Ellsworth Lincoln,	No. Dighton,	1909
Andrew W. Turner,	Dighton,	1909
Josiah S. Place,	Dighton,	1908
James N. Paul,	Dighton,	1908

### ORGANIZATION.

E. Ellsworth Lincoln, Chairman.

Andrew W. Turner, Secretary.

### COMMITTEES.

Books and supplies—Walker, Turner.

District supervision—Turner, Coddington, Place.

Drawing and music—Lincoln, Place, Walker.

Fuel—Place, Lincoln.

Repairs—Coddington, Place, Walker.

Teachers—Turner, Lincoln.

Text books—Lincoln, Turner.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Edwin S. Cobb, Dighton, Mass.

### TRUANT OFFICERS.

Josiah S. Place, So. Dighton.

William T. Place, No. Dighton.

### School Calendar.

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Winter term, 11 weeks,	Mon.	Dec. 30, '07	to	Fri.	Mar. 13, '08
Spring term, 11	"	"	Mar. 23, '08	"	June 5, '08
Fall term, 14	"	"	Sept. 7, '08	"	Dec. 11, '08
Winter term, 11	"	"	Dec. 28, '08	"	Mar. 12, '09
Spring term, 11	"	"	Mar. 22, '09	"	June 4, '09

### HOLIDAYS.

Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day, Decoration Day, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

### MEETINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The regular monthly meeting of the school committee is held on the Friday preceding the first Saturday of each month.

## Report of School Committee.

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To the Citizens of Dighton :—

The school committee takes pleasure in presenting to you at this time the usual annual report. It consists for the most part of the reports of the superintendent of schools, music and drawing supervisors, and of the truant officer, together with a number of tables of statistics, to all of which we respectfully call your attention.

For the support of the schools during the year 1908 we request the appropriation of \$6850 to be expended as the committee sees fit, but about as follows:—

Teachers	\$2,800 00
Books and supplies	400 00
Repairs and incidentals	400 00
Fuel and janitors	800 00
High school tuition	1,200 00
High school transportation	500 00
Drawing and music	500 00
School supervision	250 00
Total	<hr/> \$6,850 00

As a special appropriation for medical inspection is required by law, we request an appropriation of \$50 00 for that purpose.

A classified statement of the receipts and expenditures appears on the following page. An account of the different bills paid and for what general purposes, will be found at the close of the report.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

E. E. LINCOLN, Chairman.

A. W. TURNER, Secretary.

Dighton, Mass., Jan. 31, 1908.



## Financial Statement.

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### RECEIPTS.

Total balances unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	\$398 61
Total appropriations for school purposes	7,650 00
Share in income Mass. School Fund	1,227 50
From the state for teachers salaries	175 00
From the state for district supervision	262 50
From the state for tuition of state wards	85 00
Bristol County Dog Fund	242 52
For tuition	31 50
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Total receipts	\$10,072 63

### EXPENDITURES.

Teachers	\$4,350 70
Janitors	377 80
Fuel	385 40
Repairs	422 66
Painting of school houses	195 48
Incidentals	80 96
Books and supplies	321 90
High school transportation	400 50
High school tuition	1,153 25
Music and drawing	458 22
Supervision	525 00
Medical inspection	33 33
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Total expenditures	\$8,705 20	
Total balances unexpended Dec. 21, 1907,		\$1,367 43

## Superintendent's Report.

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*To the School Committee of Dighton :*

Gentlemen:—I have the honor of presenting to you at this time my second annual report. It consists of a brief consideration of the statistics of enrolment and attendance and of a discussion of several of the more prominent phases of the work of the schools. It includes also a number of recommendations which I trust will meet with your approval.

### ENROLMENT AND ATTENDANCE.

A comparison of the statistics for the school year ending last June with those of the previous year shows a gain of but 5 in the average enrolment or membership, the increase being from 309 to 314. The present enrolment of the schools is 295, 9 less than the average for last year. The loss, however, has been mainly in the rural schools, for all the rooms at the north and south villages, with the exception of the North Intermediate, have a larger enrolment than they had at this time last year.

The per cents of attendance for the past two years have been respectively 93.4 and 92.3. These figures show a loss of a little over one per cent in the attendance for the year ending last June. On the other hand the average number of tardinesses increased from 2.7 to 3.7. While the varying severity of the weather from one year to another and greater or less strictness

in marking the registers may account in part for fluctuations in attendance and punctuality, the standing of the schools in respect to these matters depends to a large degree upon the teachers. A better average of teachers has had its influence since September of this year in producing a decided improvement in the attendance and punctuality.

#### LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR.

The length of the school year at present is but 36 weeks, whereas the average length of the school year for both the state and for this county is 38 weeks. This is the length of time the elementary schools of Taunton are in session, and it is with the children educated in the schools of that city that our children must compete in gaining entrance to its high school and in maintaining a standing there. There can be but little doubt, therefore, that at least another week of schooling is desirable. The question, however, is undoubtedly one of means. Whether or not these are available is for you to consider.

#### WORK CERTIFICATES.

During the calendar year just closed 10 work certificates have been issued to children that were at least fourteen years of age, who could read and write as well as children fitted to take up the work of the third grade, and who have brought certificates from employers stating their intention to employ. During the current year and hereafter the law requires that those securing certificates shall have such ability to read and write as is required for admission to the fourth grade. This means that no one can be employed hereafter in manufacturing or commercial pursuits between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years of age unless he or she has completed the work of the third grade.



## STORM SIGNALS.

As a result of the uncertainty that has prevailed among parents and teachers concerning the keeping of school on stormy days, it seemed desirable to arrange suitable storm signals for the schools at the north and the south villages where whistles were available. The following signals were accordingly recommended, received your approval, and are now in use: two blasts of the whistle thrice repeated at 8.30 a. m., means that there is to be no school in the morning; the same signal at 11.45 means that the schools are to be kept until one o'clock and then close for the day; and the same signal at 12.30 means that there is to be no school in the afternoon. As there is no convenient way of communicating with the schools not in hearing of the whistles, the teachers will use their own judgment concerning the keeping and closing of school in stormy weather.

It is understood, however, that excepting in cases of unusually severe storms the schools will all be open, even when there is no regular session, and the teachers will be present to give individual help to any pupils whose parents may care to send them.

## TEXT BOOKS.

The list of text books now in use in the town is with two exceptions the same as that printed in the report of last year. Smith's "Primary Arithmetics" have taken the place of the old Nichols' which had been in use for a long time; and Sarah Arnold's little book "With Pencil and Pen" has been introduced for use in the third grade to enable us to make the language work of that grade more definite and practical. It will also be of interest to you to know that the schools are now all provided with the Tarr & McMurry Geographies and the Aiton Spellers, the introduction of which was begun several years ago.



## REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

During the past year a number of important repairs and improvements have been made in the school property. The two village schools have each received two coats of paint and now present very satisfactory appearances. At the South School, moreover, the desks in each of the three rooms received a much needed coat of varnish; and a large new out-building was erected at a cost of \$231.35 to take the place of the two small ones which had for a long time proved unsatisfactory and inadequate. For the Flat Rock and Williams Schools new slate blackboards have been purchased for the side walls and will soon be in place. More blackboard space was much needed in both of these schools, and the new additions will help to make the work of the teachers easier, pleasanter and more effective.

Among the improvements that are most needed at present are the painting of as many as possible of the rural schools and the reseating of the Segregansett School. The desks in the latter are of the old-fashioned double variety and have been so badly cut up and defaced by former pupils as to make it necessary for the present ones to use a board or a geography when they write. New seats and desks, of a modern pattern would moreover promote the health of the children and add to the attractiveness of the school.

## HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

In compliance with the law requiring towns and cities to make a special appropriation for the medical inspection of school children, \$50 was appropriated for this purpose at the last March meeting and Dr. J. B. Sayles was elected school physician by the committee. A careful examination of each pupil in each school was immediately made, and the physician reported as follows:

Number of cases of	*Chicken Pox	2
“ “ “ “	*Ring Worm	4
“ “ “ “	*Scabies or Itch	1
“ “ “ “	*Tuberculosis	1
“ “ “ “	*Pediculosis or Head Lice	22
“ “ “ “	Adenoids	6
“ “ “ “	Spinal Curvature	2
“ “ “ “	Heart trouble	3

In all of the above cases the children's parents were formally notified by the school physician on a blank form provided by the state. The children afflicted with the diseases marked with a star were sent home, as required by law.

While the discovery of the above cases and the notification of the parents have resulted in the cleaning up of some of the schools, and, in some cases, in much needed medical treatment for some of the children, it is evident that an examination of the schools once a year will hardly avail in the long run to prevent the spread of disease. What is really needed, it seems to me, is that the school physician, in addition to the annual examination of each child occasionally visit each school for a brief inspection when he happens to be in its neighborhood, and that he stand ready, in case an epidemic has broken out in any school, to visit that school at once. This arrangement could doubtless be made without entailing much added expense and would certainly do much to add to the practical value of medical inspection.

To still further promote the health of the children in the schools a number of other means are at our disposal. Among these may be mentioned the following: shorter hours for the children in the primary grades, individual drinking cups, the oiling of the floors to keep the dust down, and adjustable seats and desks that may be fitted to the child and not the child to them. This is the kind that should be provided for several of

the rural schools that are in need of new seats and desks, and it would be well if a few of this new kind could be provided for each of the rooms at the north and south villages, as this arrangement would practically insure each child's having a seat that fitted him.

#### EYE AND EAR TESTS.

The annual tests of the sight and hearing of the children in the schools required by law has again been made with the following results as reported by the several teachers:

#### TESTS OF SIGHT AND HEARING.

	North Grammar	North Intermediate	North Primary	South Grammar	South Intermediate	South Primary	Brick	Broad Cove	Flat Rock	Fish	Segreganset	Williams	Total	Total last year
Number tested	22	22	40	34	39	41	14	31	16	4	17	21	301	329
Defective eyesight	4	5	10	9	7	9	10	14	3	3	5	4	83	51
Defective hearing	2	1	5	9	3	0	0	2	0	4	1	11	38	38
Parents notified	3	1	8	6	6	2	1	7	0	2	3	6	45	47

#### DRAWING AND MUSIC.

Last June, after a long period of very satisfactory service as drawing and music supervisor, Miss Jennie P. Holmes severed her connection with the schools of this town. To take her place we were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Mary L. Cook, supervisor of drawing and manual training in Middleboro, and of Miss Georgiana E. Taylor, supervisor of music in Kingston and Halifax. Under Miss Cook's direction an effort has been made to do a little more manual and constructive work, and under Miss Taylor's supervision the teachers have devoted more time to the training of the children



in interval singing and in reading music. The work in both of these departments seems to be progressing satisfactorily, and we hope to have some interesting results to show at such school gatherings as may be held later in the year. The work in music and drawing is of great value to the children and the town is to be congratulated upon its wisdom and generosity in providing definite instruction in these subjects. Your attention is respectfully called to the special reports of the two supervisors.

#### MANUAL WORK.

By those interested in the education of the young and in the development of good citizenship it is rapidly coming to be seen that book knowledge and school discipline only partly educate, and that these need to be supplemented by a certain amount of useful bodily, especially manual activity in order to secure a healthy mental, moral and physical development. Such activity, common in the homes of a generation or two ago, is now, on account of the change in economic conditions, commonly lacking, and it is accordingly the duty of the school to provide, or at least inspire it. The problem, however, is at present in the process of solution, but it is predicted by some of our foremost educators that the children of the future will spend the morning in formal study and recitation, and the afternoon in doing some suitable manual work. This idea is even now finding a partial expression in our own schools in the work, in sewing, in cardboard construction, and in leather tooling, under the direction of the drawing teacher, and in the efforts put forth by some of the teachers to induce the children to have a larger share in the care of the school room and its equipment, and to have small gardens of their own at home. The further development and working out of the theory promises to add much to the practical value of the school.



## TEACHERS' SALARIES.

In the report of last year it was pointed out that the town had been paying its teachers a lower average wage than any other town in Bristol County, excepting Rehoboth and Berkley. Owing to a general increase made last September in the salaries paid to the teachers at the north and south villages the town probably ranks higher than it did. At any rate the village schools were undoubtedly supplied with better teachers than could have been secured at the former wages. The increase, however, did not affect the rural schools to any extent, and the wages now paid to the teachers in these positions are still very inadequate. They are such as enable us to secure for the most part only untrained and inexperienced teachers who soon leave either because of intolerable incompetency or because a little better salary is offered them elsewhere. The result is that the work in most of these schools is not at all what it should be; the children are not much interested; and the parents are often very dissatisfied. In order to put these schools in good condition, and to keep them in good condition, better salaries must be paid. I respectfully urge you to consider, therefore, whether this cannot be done and whether it would not be wise to make it the policy of the committee to provide either experienced or trained teachers for these schools and by so doing to bring them up to a degree of efficiency more nearly approximating that now maintained in the village schools of the town.

## TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

At the beginning of each term a meeting of the teachers of the town has been held. Aside from usual directions and explanations on the part of the superintendent, a number of questions came up for general discussion. Among them may be mentioned the following :

What ought the school to do for its children?

What are some of the definite things a teacher can do to promote the manners and morals of the children in her school?

Are our children as a rule industrious enough in school?

What constitutes good busy work for the children in the lower grades? Can you offer any suggestions?

How far can a beginners' class go in the "Ward" method of reading in one term?

What is the best way to assign and conduct a reading lesson for grade three?

What is the "development" method of teaching? Illustrate by a short exercise in some subject.

On Feb. 8, at the Congregational Church at Rehoboth, the annual union meeting of the teachers in the three towns in the district was held. The meeting lasted throughout the day and addresses were delivered upon the following subjects: "School Values", "Music in Rural Schools", "Drawing in Rural Schools", "Medial Slant Writing" and "School Gardens".

#### TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Last winter the Dighton teachers together with the superintendent and a few others organized a teachers' association for the double purpose of spending a pleasant evening together once a month and of gaining at the same time something in a professional way. Quick's "Educational Reformers" formed the basis of the professional study, the members taking turns in reading and preparing papers. This winter a similar series of meetings is being held, and some subjects in psychology of especial interest to teachers are being discussed.

#### GRAMMAR SCHOOL GRADUATIONS.

In view of the fact that our grammar school pupils were so generally successful last year in passing the entrance ex-

aminations to both Taunton and Fall River High Schools, there seems to be no good reason why simple grammar school graduations should not be held and diplomas and certificates awarded, as is the custom in most places. On the other hand there are a number of reasons why this should be done. The giving of diplomas to those who obtained a certain definite rank would furnish an inspiration to those in the upper grades to do better work, and would doubtless be an incentive to some to finish the course in order to secure the certificate or diploma. Graduations, moreover, are educational in themselves and should help to quicken a deeper interest in the schools in general on the part of the large number of relatives and citizens who would be likely to be present.

#### CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report I desire to express to you and to the citizens of the town my appreciation of both your and their progressive attitude in educational matters and of the consequent exceptionally favorable conditions existing in this community for the maintenance of good schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. COBB, Superintendent of Schools.

Dighton, Mass., Jan. 3, 1908.



## Report of the Supervisor of Drawing and Manual Training.

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*To Mr. E. S. Cobb, Superintendent of Schools,*

Dear Sir:—

The usual work in drawing from nature with brush and pencil was carried on during the first two months of the year. A few of the teachers also showed some good correlated work in connection with language and other studies. This should be encouraged as it makes drawing of more real worth to the children.

The last month has been spent in doing manual work. The movement in favor of this kind of work in the schools is spreading rapidly, both educators and manufacturers being agreed that children need some sort of training that shall make them more skillful in the use of their hands and more exact and careful in all their work.

There are many kinds of work which help to give the training needed, but in making our selections those kinds must be chosen which satisfy some demand of the child, or some need felt by him. This insures his interest and secures his best work. We have endeavored to make such selections and the children are accordingly at work upon articles which may be of use, or at least give pleasure to their relatives and friends. In the primary grades the children are working in raffia; in the intermediate grades they are engaged in cardboard and paper construction; and in the grammar grades the boys are making articles of leather, and the girls are doing some work in sewing. Among the things which are being made may be mentioned the following: napkin rings, picture frames, twine boxes, purses,



card cases, pen wipers, bill folders, blotting pads, memorandum pads, note book covers, match strikers, holders and aprons.

At present and until the course of study allows a definite period each week for industrial work the best results cannot be secured, as the taking of a part of the drawing time and that for only two months in the year does not give the work sufficient emphasis and continuity.

I wish to thank the superintendent and the teachers for their interest and hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. COOK.

## Report of the Supervisor of Music.

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*Mr. E. S. Cobb, Superintendent of Schools.*

A report upon the Music in the schools of Dighton will necessarily be general since the present instructor has had control of the work little more than three months.

The greatest stress up to this time, has been laid upon good quality of tone, sight singing and individual work. The progress along these lines has been very noticeable, even in so short a time.

Some work has been done in ear training and theory. Beginning with next term more work upon the last two mentioned subjects and the writing of music is hoped to be done.

I am much pleased with the interest and enthusiasm that the pupils have thus far displayed.

I wish to thank the teachers for their helpfulness and the superintendent for his interest and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGIANA E. TAYLOR.

Dec. 30, 1907.

## Report of the Truant Officer.

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*To the School Committee of the Town of Dighton :—*

I respectfully submit the following as my report as truant officer, from January 1st, 1907 to July 1st, 1907. I have investigated 22 cases in the different schools.

In the So. Primary, 4 cases,	In the No. Primary, 8 cases,
“ “ “ Intermediate, 2 cases,	“ “ “ Intermediate, 3 cases,
“ “ “ Grammar, 0 cases,	“ “ “ Grammar, 0 cases,
“ “ Williams School, 4 cases,	“ “ Fish School, 1 case.

Of the seven cases reported from the South and Fish Schools, I found sickness to be the principal cause for absence, but in one case the pupil was “kept at home to care for a younger child”.

Of the 11 cases investigated from the North School, I found truancy and tardiness constituted the complaint. The four cases from the Williams School were in three instances the result of tardiness and in one the result of truancy.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND HATHAWAY, Truant Officer.

**TABLE A.**  
**Attendance Statistics, 1906-1907.**

SCHOOLS.	ENROLMENT.			Enrolment under 5 yrs.	Enrolment 5 to 15 yrs.	Enrolment over 15 yrs.	Enrolment 7 to 14 yrs.	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	Half days Absence	Number of Tardinesses	Av. No. of Tardinesses	Number of Dismissals	Number of Visitors	Number of Supt's visits
	Boys	Girls	Total														
North Grammar,	9	9	18	0	17	1	14	20	16.9	16.2	95.7	247	81	4.79	38	53	19
North Intermediate,	16	11	27	0	27	0	27	31	25.7	24.4	94.8	429	93	3.62	6	58	18
North Primary,	32	12	44	1	43	0	24	50	32.5	30.2	92.9	759	121	3.72	36	51	17
South Grammar,	15	24	39	0	35	4	32	39	35.6	33.6	92.5	874	25	.7	49	57	17
South Intermediate,	24	16	40	0	40	0	40	42	38.8	36.3	93.6	844	69	1.78	31	82	20
South Primary,	33	26	59	0	59	0	26	59	49.4	43.5	87.8	2324	98	1.98	1	56	15
Brick,	6	4	10	0	10	0	7	13	10.5	9.9	95.0	177	48	4.57	4	48	11
Broad Cove,	25	14	39	0	39	0	31	42	32.8	29.1	88.9	1613	148	4.51	19	29	13
Fish,	18	1	19	1	18	0	12	19	15.1	13.8	87.9	499	56	3.71	17	35	12
Flat Rock,	6	13	19	1	18	0	11	19	16.1	14.7	90.9	522	182	11.3	34	58	13
Segreganset,	14	8	22	2	20	0	17	23	21.3	20.4	95.4	440	77	3.61	25	113	11
Williams,	18	5	23	0	23	0	18	26	19.4	17.8	89.5	681	183	9.65	26	55	18
Total,	216	143	359	5	349	5	259	383	314.1	289.9	92.3	9409	1181	3.76	286	695	184



**Table B.**  
**Rank of Schools in Attendance and Punctuality.**  
 1906-1907.

ATTENDANCE.			PUNCTUALITY.		
Rank.	School.	Per cent.	Rank.	School.	Average Tardiness.
1	North Grammar	95.7	1	South Grammar,	.7
2	Segreganset,	95.4	2	South Intermediate,	1.78
3	Brick	95	3	South Primary,	1.98
4	North Intermediate,	94.8	4	Segreganset,	3.61
5	South Intermediate,	93.6	5	North Intermediate,	3.62
6	North Primary.	92.9	6	Fish,	3.71
7	South Grammar,	92.5	7	North Primary,	3.72
8	Flat Rock,	90.9	8	Broad Cove,	4.51
9	Williams,	89.5	9	Brick,	4.57
10	Broad Cove,	88.9	10	North Grammar,	4.79
11	Fish,	87.9	11	Williams,	9.65
12	South Primary,	87.8	12	Flat Rock,	11.3

**Table C.**  
**Changes of Teachers.**

RESIGNATION.	SCHOOL.	APPOINTMENT.
M. Flossie Mosher	South Intermediate	Ada S. Cooper
Ada S. Cooper	" " "	Myra H. Dean
Sarah L. Pike	South Primary	Anna G. Desmond
Anna G. Desmond	" "	Jeanette Swindells
Jeanette Swindells	" "	Mrs. Edgar C. Leavitt
Mrs. Edgar C. Leavitt	" "	Ella M. Holbrook
M. Jennie Grady	North Intermediate	Lillian P. Case
Cora Childs	Brick	Flora Keene
Flora Keene	"	Louise F. Goff
Martha E. Holton	Broad Cove	Laura M. Howland
Alice T. Lee	Fish	E. Gertrude Daley
Marion J. Sears	Flat Rock	Helen S. Wood
Helen S. Wood	" "	Mary H. Jones
Annie M. Drew	Williams	Mary C. Sullivan

Table D.

## TEACHERS, 1906-1907.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WHERE EDUCATED.	ELECTED.	WKS. OF SERVICE	WAGES PER WEEK.
North Grammar	Lida M. Mann	Gorham, Maine, Normal	1906	36	\$12.00
North Intermediate	M. Jennie Grady	Bridgewater Normal School	1903	36	10.00
North Primary	Lucy M. Paul	Wellesley College	1900	36	10.00
South Grammar	Agnes G. Emerson	Kent's Hill Seminary	1906	36	12.00
South Intermediate	{ M. Flossie Mosher	Oakwood, N. Y., Seminary	1906	20	10.00
“ “	{ Ada S. Cooper	Brown University	1907	16	10.00
South Primary	{ Sarah L. Pike	Cambridge High School	1906	14	10.00
“ “	{ Anna Desmond	Dorchester High School	1906	11	10.00
“ “	{ Jeanette Swindells	Fall River Training School	1906	1	10.00
Brick	{ Mrs. Edgar C. Leavitt	Taunton High School	1907	10	11.00
	{ Cora Childs	Taunton High School	1906	14	8.00
	{ Flora Keene	Rust's Kindergarten	1807	22	8.00
Broad Cove	{ Agnes McFarland	Castine, Maine, Normal	1906	14	10.00
“ “	{ Martha E. Holton	Woodward Institute	1907	22	10.00
Fish	Alice T. Lee	Scituate High School	1906	36	8.00
Flat Rock	Marion J. Sears	Taunton High School	1906	36	8.00
Segreganset	Mabel G. Emery	Taunton High School	1905	36	8.50-9.00
Williams	Annie M. Drew	Taunton High School	1906	36	8.00
Music and Drawing	Jennie P. Holmes	Boston Normal Art School	1904	36	12.50

# HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS. 1907-1908.

## TAUNTON HIGH SCHOOL.

### CLASS OF 1908.

Esther Amelia Horton	John Carver Standish
Grace Elizabeth Tweedy	

### CLASS OF 1909.

Wesley Chase	Joseph Winslow Place
Mabel Wood Lane	Marion Alberta Simmons
Edward Ellsworth Lincoln	Delight Reed Standish
Mary Morton Lincoln	Hope Perry Waldron

### CLASS OF 1910.

Marshall Eton Briggs	Doris Wright Turner
Cora Emily Sprague	Milton Talbot Tweedy

### CLASS OF 1911.

Helen Irene Chase	Mamie Reed Negus
Helen Baker Cole	Bernice Haley Pierce
May Loretta Hamilton	Lillian Lucinda Pierce
Edith Frances Haskins	Edward Ferdinand Waldron
Eleanor Asenath Horton	Roy F. Walker
Lester Paull Horton	Arthur Gideon Whalon
Melancy White	

## FALL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL.

Myron Reuben Chace	Class of 1909.
Nellie Edna Adams	Class of 1910.
Mary Hathaway Chace	Class of 1911.

# FINANCIAL

## Report of the School Committee.

For Year 1907.

### TEACHERS.

Appropriation		\$3,000 00
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906		276 52
State school fund		1,227 50
Supervision fund		175 00
Dog fund		242 52
State wards		85 00
Tuition		31 50
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		\$5,038 04
1907.		
Jan. 15.	Miss Emerson, 2 weeks	\$24 00
Feb. 2.	Teachers' salaries 5 "	548 50
Mar. 2.	" " 4 "	450 00
14.	" " 2 "	222 40
Apr. 6.	" " 2 "	235 00
May 3.	" " 4 "	484 00
June 1.	" " 4 "	484 00
5.	" " 1 "	121 00
Oct. 5.	" " 4 "	510 00
Nov. 2.	" " 4 "	503 60
Dec. 7.	" " 3 "	382 50
12.	" " 3 "	385 70
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		\$4,350 70
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907.		687 34



## JANITORS AND FUEL.

For 1907.

Appropriation	\$850 00	
Jan. 15. C. A. Horton, wood		\$45 00
Feb. 2. Janitors, 5 weeks		35 00
Mar. 2. " 4 "		28 00
2. A. N. Goff, sawing wood		1 00
14. Janitors		53 60
Apr. 6. " 2 weeks		14 00
6. Ralph Horton, sawing wood		11 50
6. James N. Paull, wood		3 50
6. Ralph Earle, wood		5 50
6. " " "		3 00
May 3. Mary Green, "		9 00
3. Janitors, 4 weeks		28 00
3. C. A. Horton, wood		11 00
June 1. Janitors, 4 weeks		28 00
5. "		46 60
Aug. 3. Mary Green, wood		15 75
3. Ralph Horton, sawing wood		7 15
Sept. 6. S. D. Jones, wood		2 00
Oct. 5. Janitors, 4 weeks		28 00
Nov. 2. " " "		28 00
2. H. O. Palmer, coal		256 00
Dec. 7. Janitor 4 weeks		16 00
12. Janitors,		72 60
12. A. W. Turner		15 00
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		\$763 20
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		86 80

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

For Year 1907.

Appropriation	\$400 00	
Apr. 6. Pierce Hardware Co.		\$7 80
6. Callender, McAuslan & Co.		2 14
6. Edward E. Babb & Co.		2 50
6. American Book Co.		2 88
6. Edward E. Babb & Co.		11 34
6. Glenwood Furn. Co.		1 95
6. Kenney Bros. and Wolkins		36 95
6. Edward E. Babb & Co.		1 03
6. Milton Bradley Co.		5 07
6. Ginn & Company		7 33
May 3. Glenwood Furn. Co.		5 00
July 6. Davol Printing		2 25
6. Theron Gorham		1 75
Oct. 5. Kenney Bros. and Wolkins		4 60
5. J. L. Hammett		1 01
5. Cecel T. Bagnell		4 84
5. N. R. Reed & Co.		8 19
5. Ginn & Company		6 00
5. Robert Adams		4 80
5. Edw. E. Babb & Co.		6 67
Nov. 2. Ginn & Company		10 20
2. Kenney Bros. and Wolkins		76 30
2. J. L. Hammett & Co.		69 88
2. Thompson Brown & Co.		1 25
2. Silver Burditt & Co.		18 00
2. Edw. E. Babb & Co.		22 17
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		\$321 90
Balance unexpended, Dec. 31, 1907		\$78 10

## REPAIRS AND INCIDENTALS.

For 1907.

Appropriation	\$400 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	24 35	
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Feb. 2. D. D. Andrews,		1 26
2. Geo. H. Walker		7 25
Mar. 2. B. L. Dean, use of well		3 00
Apr. 6. Otis N. Walker		4 30
May 3. H. L. Davis Co.		1 35
3. Presbrey-Fields Co.		3 04
3. J. H. Thornley		75
3. W. E. Chase, use of well		3 00
3. H.W. Leonard " " "		3 00
July 6. Entertainment for schools		3 30
6. Edwin S. Cobb, exp. and ins.		23 16
6. E. D. Tisdale, clock		3 50
Aug. 3. Geo. H. Walker		11 04
3. C. V. Sanders		17 63
Sept. 7. Mrs. W. H. Lee		9 50
7. H. A. Briggs		2 35
7. Presbrey-Fields Co.		6 46
7. F. R. Washburn		6 83
7. Geo. H. Walker		28 80
7. Ida Hathaway		16 50
7. Geo. H. Phillips		65 57
7. Frank Allen, lumber		113 33
7. D. D. Andrews,		9 88
7. Mrs. A. M. Davis		6 50
7. R. S. Reed Co.		7 20
7. Dighton Furn. Co.		2 85
13. C. H. Horton		39 00
Oct. 5. Louis Frazia		3 50

5. C. E. Westcott	20 90
5. Use Memorial Hall	4 00
5. C. G. Staples	50
5. H. C. Briggs, taking census	25 00
Nov. 2. E. D. Tisdale & Son	7 50
2. C. V. Sanders	3 63
2. T. E. Baker, stove pipe	6 59
2. Geo. H. Walker	22 76
Dec. 7. Glenwood Furn. Co.	1 95
7. H. L. Briggs	7 00
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	\$503 62
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907	\$79 27

## PAINTING OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

For 1907.

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Nov. 2. Phil. Cusick		\$185 00
2. F. R. Washburn		10 48
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		\$195 48
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907		\$4 52

## MEDICAL INSPECTION.

For 1907.

Appropriation	\$50 00	
Dr. J. B. Sayles		\$33 33
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907.		\$16 67

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION.

For 1907.

Appropriation	\$1,400 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	46 74	
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Mar. 14. City Fall River		66 00
May 8. City Fall River, Nov. 12, 1906 to Feb. 1, 1907		45 00



June 1. City Fall River, Feb. 4 to April 22	30 00
July 6. City Taunton, Sept. 10, 1906 to June 28, 1907	952 25
Sept. 6. City Fall River, Apr. 22 to June 29, 1907	30 00
Dec. 7. City Fall River, Sept. 9 to Nov. 18, 1907	30 00
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	\$1,153 25
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907	\$293 49

## HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

For 1907.

Appropriation	\$600 00
July 6. Herbert Horton	\$7 00
6. William Tweedy	7 40
6. E. E. Lincoln	4 00
6. Otis N. Walker	4 00
6. Marrion A. Simmons	8 00
6. W. T. Place	4 00
6. Cleon Burt	8 00
6. Cora Sprague	8 00
6. Howard and Myra Chase	17 60
6. Nellie Adams	8 50
6. Ferdinand Waldron	8 00
6. H. H. Lincoln	4 00
6. George M. Chase	8 00
6. L. M. White	4 00
6. A. L. Briggs	8 00
6. Edith Standish	16 00
Sept. 6. O. C. Street R. R.	125 00
Dec. 7. O. C. Street R. R.	125 00
7. A. L. Briggs	2 00
Jan. 3. Edith Standish	8 00
3. D. F. Lane	16 00
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	\$400 50
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907	\$199 50

## MUSIC AND DRAWING.

For 1907.

Appropriation	500 00	
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1906	60 60	
		<hr/> \$439 94
Feb. 2. Jennie Holmes 5 weeks		62 50
Mar. 2.     "           "     4     "		50 00
14.     "           "     2     "		25 00
Apr. 6.     "           "     2     "		25 00
6. Silver Burdett & Co. supplies		18 00
May 3. Jennie Holmes 4 weeks		50 00
June 1.     "           "     4     "		50 00
6.     "           "     1     "		12 50
Oct. 5. Georgiana E. Taylor 4 weeks		22 22
5. Mary L. Cook 4 weeks		25 00
Nov. 2.     "           "     4     "		25 00
2. Miss Taylor     4     "		22 20
Dec. 12.    "           "     6     "		33 30
12. Miss Cook     6     "		37 50
		<hr/> \$458 22
Overdrawn Dec. 31, 1907		\$18 28

## DISTRICT SUPERVISION.

For 1907.

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1906	111 06	
From the state	262 50	
	<hr/>	623 56
Feb. 2. Edwin S. Cobb, salary for Jan.		43 75
Mar. 2.     "           "           "     "     Feb.		43 75
Apr. 6.     "           "           "     "     Mar.		43 75
May 3.     "           "           "     "     Apr.		43 75
June 1.     "           "           "     "     May		43 75

July 6.	Edwin S. Cobb,	salary for June	43 75
Aug. 1.	"	" " July	43 75
Sept. 6.	"	" " Aug.	43 75
Oct. 5.	"	" " Sept.	43 75
Nov. 2.	"	" " Oct.	43 75
Dec. 7.	"	" " Nov.	43 75
Jan. 3.	"	" " Dec.	43 75
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			\$525 00
Unexpended Dec. 31, 1907			\$98 56

## STATISTICS.

1907.

Population, 1905	2,070
Valuation	\$1,018,442
Tax rate per \$1000	15 80
Total amount raised by taxation for school purposes	7,650 00
Total cost to town per pupil, based upon average membership	20 33
Total expenditure per pupil	25 59
Total expenditure per pupil in Bristol County 1905-06	28 13
Total expenditure per pupil in state 1905-06	29 99
Expenditure per pupil for books and supplies,	1 02
Expenditure per pupil for books and supplies in Bristol County 1905-06	1 35
Expenditure per pupil for books and supplies in state 1905-06	1 56
Average wage of female teachers per week	9 58
Average wage of female teachers per month, Bristol County	57 32
Average wage of female teachers per month, State	57 07
Number of schools in town	12
Length of school year in weeks	36
Average length of school year in Bristol County 1905-06	9.11
Average length of school year in state 1905-6	9.7

Per cent of attendance 1906-07	92.3
Per cent of attendance 1905-06	93.4
Per cent of attendance in Bristol County 1905-06	92
Per cent of attendance in state 1905-06	92
Number of children in town between 5 and 15 years Sept. '07	387
Number of children in town between 7 and 14 years Sept. '06	323
Number of illiterate minors over 14 years of age	0
Number of pupils attending high school, Sept. 1907	31
Number of pupils attending high school, Sept. 1906	24
Cost to town per pupil attending high school	\$70 to \$90



# Dighton Public Schools.

## Entertainment and Exhibition

June 7, 1907.

### PROGRAMME.

1. Invocation Rev. Mr Rich
2. Chorus, "Medley of National Airs" All the Schools
3. Williams School Teacher, Miss Annie M. Drew
  - a. Exercise, "Building the Flag" School
4. North Primary School Teacher, Miss Lucy M. Paull
  - a. "Santa Claus Song" Percy Noelte and  
Catherine Chadwick
  - b. Japanese Drill School
5. North Grammar School Teacher, Miss Lida M. Mann
  - a. Recitation, "Children's Hour" Alice E. Tweedy
  - b. Recitation, "His Lesson" Maye E. Hamilton
6. South Primary School Teacher, Mrs. Susie B. Leavitt
  - a. March Twelve Little Girls
7. Flat Rock School Teacher, Miss Marion J. Sears
  - a. Duet "Fairies" Manuel Cabral and Mary Mello
  - b. Song, "My Pigeon House" School
8. South Grammar School Teacher, Miss Agnes G. Emerson
  - a. Angel Trio from the "Elijah" Misses Hathaway, Cole and Fuller
  - b. Reading, Selected Mamie E. Negus
9. Fish School Teacher, Miss Alice T. Lee

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|     | a. "Blacksmith Song"                   | School                          |
| 10. | South Primary School                   | Teacher, Mrs. Susie B. Leavitt  |
|     | a. "Good Night Song"                   | School                          |
| 11. | North Intermediate School              | Teacher, Miss M. Jennie Grady   |
|     | a. Wand Drill                          | School                          |
|     | b. Song, "Night"                       | School                          |
| 12. | Segreganset School                     | Teacher, Miss Mabel W. Emery    |
|     | a. "Dandelion Song"                    | Primary Classes                 |
|     | b. Dramatization, "The Little Red Hen" | Four Primary Children           |
|     | c. Song, "Onward Float"                | School                          |
| 13. | Brick School                           | Teacher, Miss Flora A. Keene    |
|     | a. Recitation, "Clyte"                 | Joseph Dever                    |
|     | b. Flag Drill                          | School                          |
| 14. | Broad Cove School                      | Teacher, Miss Martha E. Holton  |
|     | a. Song, "Fancies"                     | School                          |
|     | b. Song, "Overall Boys"                | Primary Grades                  |
| 15. | South Intermediate School              | Teacher, Mrs. Ida S. Cooper     |
|     | a. Dramatization, "Barbara Frietchie"  | School                          |
|     | b. Song, "The School Flag"             | School                          |
| 16. | Chorus, "Good Night Beloved"           |                                 |
|     |                                        | North and South Grammar Schools |

